



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Musings for a stormy November day

The other day it was a blustery coastal day with torrential rains coming down.

As you know, I am a bit of a worrier, so the first thing that came to my mind was the Advent Day storm of Dec. 2, 2007.

If my memory is right, we "dealt" with it for several days with little letup. As always, our electricity was the first thing to go.

That's when I became acquainted with a little machine called a car inverter. Many have one to use when camping or hunting to have power to plug in a lamp or other items.

Anyway, what an amazing help when my daughter brought hers over and plugged in an extension cord in the car, giving me electricity.

The down side was that the car had to be running, so that used gas. But it was nice to have a means of making coffee and heating up my chicken noodle soup.

So, why was it called the Advent Day Storm? Duh! (As the kids would say). The worst of it hit us on Advent Day!

There are churches of all denominations that start Christmas season on Advent Day. It is similar to Lent, which prepares us for Easter.

In researching, I learned that Advent originally lasted 40 days, involving fasting as with Lent. In the ninth century, the first day of Advent changed to the Sunday closest to Nov. 30 and the fourth Sunday of Advent is the Sunday before Dec. 25, which, of course, is Christmas.

Now the Advent season lasts

21 to 28 days, depending upon where the first Sunday falls. Hit your Google button to find an interesting study about symbolism of the Advent wreath or use of candle centerpieces.

A while ago, Phil Thompson, who is moderator at the Warrenton meal site, shared a great idea for the holidays.

I will quote him: "A hug is like a perfect gift. One size fits all and nobody minds if you exchange it."

On the lighter side, I have to share a story that 95-year-old George Gunn shared with us at the meal site the other day. He is legally blind, so shares with us by memory:

"A young man comes home and says 'Dad, I just got my driver's license and would

like to use the family car.' Dad replies, 'OK, son. But first you have to get better grades in school, keep your room neat, clean the yard, and cut your hair. Come back in a month and then we'll see.'

"Well, a month passed and the young man comes into the house with his report card in hand. 'Dad, I got great grades on my report card and I've been keeping my room clean, and the yard is always neat. How about letting me use the car?'

Dad replies, 'That's all true, son, but you didn't cut your hair.' Son says, 'But, Dad, Jesus had long hair.'

"Dad replies, 'Yes, son, you're perfectly right. And He walked everywhere he went.'"

Business: County vacates streets

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The streets are in the area between the sheriff's office on 19 Street and Astoria Ford.

"Vacating the subject streets will ultimately facilitate the county's efforts to develop the business park," Warrenton Community Development Director Skip Urling wrote in his report on the request.

Development of the business park is in the best interest of residents, city and county officials believe.

It's zoned industrial, which encompasses broad uses.

"The County Commission's goal is for an employment-type use," Summers said. "Distributing, light manufacturing, but not heavy industrial."

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Dec. 4: Spaghetti with red sauce and Italian sausage, broccoli, navy bean soup, ice cream.

Thursday, Dec. 7: Pork stew, potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, chocolate cake.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.

Legal Ads

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. December 14, 2017 at the Warrenton City Hall, Commission Chamber regarding an application submitted by Jennifer Bunch Wickiup Consulting LLC on behalf of Stanley Johnson, Astoria Northwest Homes Inc., to rezone Tax Lot 81028ADO2500 from R10 Intermediate Density Residential to RH High Density Residential. The subject property consists of 0.76 acres and is located on the east bank of the Skipanon River and north side of Highway 104 Spur.

This application will be reviewed under the procedures, standards and criteria in Warrenton Municipal Code 16.36 High Density Residential District and 16.232 Land Use District Map and Text Amendments and Warrenton Municipal Code 16.208.060 Type IV Procedure (Legislative and Map Amendments) although it is considered a quasi-judicial action.

All evidence to be relied upon to make a decision on this application is in the public record and available for review at the Warrenton Building and Planning Department, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton, at no cost. Copies can be made at reasonable cost. A copy of the City's staff report and recommendation to the Planning Commission shall be available for review at no cost at least seven days before the hearing, and that a copy shall be provided on request at a reasonable cost.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Skip Urling, Community Development Director, Warrenton City Hall, PO Box 250, Warrenton, OR 97146 by 5:00 p.m. June 8, 2017, or present oral testimony at the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue in by letter or in person at the hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION contact Skip Urling, Community Development Director at 503.861.0920 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon/1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is scheduled before the City of Warrenton Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Warrenton City Hall Commission Chambers, 225 S Main Avenue, Warrenton, regarding a land use application submitted by Adam Swensen of North River Homes for preliminary plat approval for 74 lots for detached single-family homes with development occurring in three phases on a portion of Tax Lot 810340000100. The project area is south of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and west of the western terminus of SE Willow Drive.

This application will be reviewed under the applicable standards and criteria in Warrenton Municipal Code Chapters, 16.216 Land Divisions and Lot Line Adjustments, 16.192 Large Scale Developments, 16.36 High Density Residential District, 16.140 Stormwater and Surface Water Management, 16.152 Grading, Excavating and Erosion Control Plans, 16.256 Traffic Impact Study, and 16.120 Access and Circulation. The review will follow WMC 16.208.050 Type III Procedure (Quasi-Judicial).

Anyone wishing to participate in the above-noted public hearing may present testimony orally at the public hearing, or submit written testimony, which must be received by the Warrenton Planning and Building Department no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Skip Urling, Community Development Director, Warrenton Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 250, Warrenton Oregon, 97146-0250. Failure to raise an issue on the record in person or by letter before the close of the record at the public hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision making body an opportunity to respond to the issue, will preclude appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue.

Anyone wishing to review and/or purchase copies of the application and/or staff report may do so at the City of Warrenton Planning and Building Department, Warrenton City Hall, 225 South Main, Warrenton. The staff report will be available for review at no cost at least seven days before the hearing. For more information call Skip Urling at 503.861.0920.

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