

Around town...



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Above: Easter bunny Avery Iverson poses with sisters Adi and Annabelle Hawkins at the Easter Bunny Breakfast.



Above: Mayor Henry Balensifer reads "The Berenstain Bears' Mama for Mayor" during Saturday Storytime at Warrenton Community Library (photo by Kelsey Balensifer).

Left: Betsy Jasmin with some of the raffle baskets she put together (photo by Emma Edwards).

Below: Members of the Warrenton High School football team helped serve at the Easter Bunny Breakfast on Saturday at the Community Center.



March draws 200 to Astoria streets



About 200 people braved cold, wet weather in downtown Astoria on Saturday to be part of the national March For Our Lives protest against gun violence.

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Candidates forum is Tuesday

A candidates forum for those running for Congressional District 1, Oregon House of Representatives District 32 and the Clatsop County Commission is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the auditorium of Astoria High School, 1001 W. Marine Drive.

The forum is sponsored by the Astoria branch of the American Association of University Women in conjunc-

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One will go on the roof at the downtown fire station and the other at the Hammond fire station.

Some people are less than enthusiastic about having sirens in the city, viewing them as older technology.

"I don't think they're World War II era, but they're close," Fire Chief Tim Demers ad-

tion with The Daily Astorian.

All candidates for those seats have been invited and each will be given time for brief opening statement followed by written questions from the audience.

Trish Garner, state policy chairwoman, will moderate.

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mits. Still, "if you don't do anything, nothing's going to work."

A third siren could go at Fort Stevens State Park, a 4,300-acre recreational area with more than 500 campsites.

"You start thinking about our summer population and there's a whole separate city there and at KOA," Demers said.

Image: City to get help while it grows

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eyesores on its main streets.

"Earl Ely's old house on Harbor. That's a big dent in the door of the city of Warrenton," Commissioner Rick Newton said.

"We should also deal with the plank in our eye, which is right across the street," Mayor Henry Balensifer said, referring to the closed gas station surrounded by junk that's across Main Avenue from City Hall.

Work would begin in May,

should all go as planned.

"In the best of all possible worlds, we start May 1 and go, like, four to five months," Bosch said. "It's not a long, drawn-out thing."

The process would involve community leaders stepping forward to work on specific targets.

"There's something unique in every town," Bosch told commissioners. "It's about civic engagement and also about civic leadership."

The value of RDI's contri-

bution in launching Warrenton's economic vitality program is about \$40,000, Bosch said.

"I'm really pleased with the response and it feels like Warrenton will benefit greatly," she said, "not just because there's a lot of enthusiasm, but the timing has to be right. ...

"Warrenton is on the map as a regional commercial center. If Astoria doesn't want those retail establishments, we'll take it."