

Fourth Street: City seeks improved route to park

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street:

Option 1: Keep the street where it is, add sidewalks on both sides and parking along one side only.

Option 2: Widen the street toward the north, add sidewalks on both sides and bulb-outs (curbed planters that define parking sections) or curb extensions on the north side.

Option 3: Widen the street toward the north, add side-

walks, bulb-outs and curb extensions on both sides of the road.

Option 4: Widen the street toward the south with full bulb-outs or curb extensions on both sides. This option reserves the dance studio's parking configuration, but requires those parking and leaving to drive over a rolled curb and sidewalk.

"I hope whatever happens will be a good solution," Peterson said. "I'm really con-

cerned about it, but I realize that my property line only goes so far. I know we wouldn't survive without the parking. I'll keep my fingers crossed. Whatever's meant to be will be, I guess."

City commissioners are leaning toward Option 3, but have asked for some additional designs.

"The city is sensitive to the needs of all adjacent property when completing road improvement projects," Stelzig



A section of Fourth Street looking from the park toward South Main Avenue, with a white car in one of the studio's pull-in parking spots.

said. "We look at each individual property to determine if they could be negatively

impacted. When warranted, we mitigate negative impacts."

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Class offered for those concerned about falling

A Matter of Balance, an eight-week class to help older adults with concerns about falling, will be held 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays beginning April 12 in the Coho Room at Columbia Center, 2021 Marine Drive, Astoria.

The award-winning program trains participants to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

Register online at columbiamemorial.org or by calling the Community Outreach Department at 503-338-7564.

Seminar will focus on solar energy

Renewable energy and the impact it could have on your business, home or non-profit group is the topic of a seminar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria.

The event is sponsored by Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and Sunbridge Solar.

Attendees will receive light appetizers and a drink ticket.