

## Business and development tidbits

### PIZZA HUT CLOSES

The owner of Pizza Hut restaurants in Warrenton and Seaside closed both locations last week without warning.

"We would like to thank our valued customers for their many years of loyal patronage," reads a notice posted in the windows. "We have decided to close this location and apologize for any inconvenience."

The franchise owner, Pizza Hut of the Rockies, is based in Boise, Idaho, and no contact information was available.

### PARK AT FOUR-WAY STOP

Warrenton's Urban Renewal Agency approved a \$287,865 contract with Big River Construction Tuesday night for three landscaping projects: the park at the four-way stop, a triangular park at the intersection of South Main Avenue and Alternate Highway 101, and the bulb-outs along South Main.

All three include the grinding and removal of asphalt.

The project initially had a bigger vision, with fancy pavers at the downtown park and landscaping at all four corners, but the project's sole bidder came in \$235,000 higher than what had been set aside in the budget.

The construction company and the city's representative worked to reduce the project's scope and get the price down.

### DOWNTOWN'S HISTORY

The city of Warrenton has partnered with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office to conduct a "window survey" of downtown historic properties, reports Brenda Hoxsey of Spruce Up Warrenton.

The survey will help the group meet its mission to revitalize downtown, and provide property owners with

historic information as a basis to apply for grants from the city and state.

Two state representatives are in town Thursday and today to conduct the survey.

Results will be shared with Spruce Up and posted on the city's website under "Community & Economic Development Department."

### YOUNGS BAY PLAZA

Pizza Hut's closure leaves nearly the entire wing of Youngs Bay Plaza empty between Natural Grocers and the vacated Dooger's restaurant.

Kelli Maks, a leasing agent with Commercial Realty Ad-

visors NW, said her company is working to lease the available spaces, but has no serious offers in the works.

### COUNTY FAIR FARMHOUSE

An old farm house adjacent to Clatsop County Fair, which was declared surplus by county commissioners earlier this year, goes on the auction block at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 13, at the fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

The four-bedroom house was built in 1914. While it has lots of charm, it needs a lot of work.

The successful bidder must remove the house from the property.



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