

Transit agency has trip-planning app

The website for Sunset Empire Transportation Department's NW Connector now has a trip planner for using transit throughout Northwest Oregon.

Riders just need to type in a starting address and

destination within the NW Connector area and the trip planner will figure out the best trip routes.

It includes trip options on an interactive map.

The trip planner is at nworegontransit.org.

Appraisers focusing on Seaside

Appraisers from Clatsop County's Assessment and Taxation Department will inspect residential and business properties in Seaside during the next two to three years as part of the department's ongoing reappraisal of the entire county.

Appraisers will visit neighborhoods in vehicles bearing the Clatsop County logo and will carry official county identification.

Typically, appraisers go lot-by-lot in a reappraisal area and knock on the front door of residential properties to contact the occupants.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, appraisers will be conducting inspections from the street. As pan-

demic conditions change, inspection protocol may revert to prepandemic-type inspections.

Appraisers will contact business owners to request appointments for on-site inspections of commercial and industrial property following social distancing protocols and wearing face coverings.

If a residential property owner wishes to have their building remeasured or to arrange for a virtual interior inspection, they can call Clatsop County Assessment and Taxation to arrange for an appointment.

Any changes to value would be reflected in property tax bills in fall 2021.

Business and Development Tidbits

FISH MARKET WOES

When Warrenton Deep Sea Market closed its doors for good on June 19, it left a void in the city, which is home to many commercial and recreational fishing enterprises.

Mayor Henry Balensifer announced at Tuesday's city commission meeting that he is working on getting a fish market back in town.

"I've reached out and am now in talks with industry professionals to bring a fish market back to Warrenton," he said after the meeting. "We've looked at two sites, one in the Hammond district and another in Warrenton. Nothing is signed or such, but I am hopeful we can work to bring this vital business back to our town."

WAUNA

Wauna has submitted plans for its new administrative offices in Astoria.

The new building, at 595 Marine Drive, would be just west of McDonald's. It would include a new branch, drive-through banking and call center in addition to the ad-



Airport Industrial Park is an undeveloped 26-acre parcel just west of Astoria Regional Airport.

ministrative offices.

The project abuts the Hobson-Flavel Historic District and was discussed at an Astoria Historic Committee meeting July 21.

FISHMEAL PLANT

The Port of Astoria is rearranging development plans at its Airport Industrial Park to accommodate a proposal by the Scoular company to build a plant that would turn fish scraps into pet food.

The 130-year-old Nebraska-based company hopes to begin construction in the fall and be ready for production next fishing season, Airport Director Gary Kobes told port commissioners.

For its part, the port would divide the 26-acre planned

industrial park into two sections, making property that fronts 12th Place/Airport Road ready for development and leaving a more difficult section with wetlands to require future wetland enhancements and permits.

"In order to be able to push this along in a timeframe that works, we'll move 200 feet westward, into an area that will allow us to go through nationwide permitting with the Corps of Engineers," Kobes said. "It's less burdensome. ... Scoular is going through design and permitting efforts with the city of Astoria to see if they can comply with applicable codes and zoning regulations. We think that's not going to be a problem."



Cindy Yingst

A school bus parked at Warrenton High School sports eyes and a face covering. The Warrenton-Hammond School District was expected to hold a special session Thursday night on reopening plans during this time of COVID-19.

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