



City deals with problems of RVs

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City officials are continuing to work on an ordinance regulating recreational vehicles that are parked in neighborhoods outside of campgrounds.

"We have to have rules because today what we have is unenforceable," Police Chief Matt Workman told city commissioners Tuesday evening.

The problem isn't people who have RVs parked in their driveways for use on family vacations. It's people who are living in campers and trailers on a permanent basis.

Those living in RVs often tie into water, sewer and electrical lines without benefit of inspection and without paying fees for the utility being used.

Since RVs were not intended to be full-time residences, they're more susceptible to fires and abandonment, leaving problems for others to clean up.

While several city commissioners wanted to ensure the city's laws included compassion for those having problems finding a permanent residence, others were concerned about the toll the make-shift housing takes on neighbors and the city.

"I think we have to have something in here for hardship," Commissioner Gerald Poe said of the ordinance.

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Poe



Dyer

For more on the RV issue, please see Mayor Balensifer's column on Page 7.

New middle school ready to open



Above: A tractor moves dirt in front of the new Warrenton Grade School. Eventually the brown field will become more parking, landscaping and, off toward the left, a new high school.

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Left: A construction worker puts the finishing touches on a second-floor window of the main classroom wing.

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School children, teachers and other education employees will bear the brunt of COVID-19 restrictions for a third school year.

Full-day classes begin five days a week on Sept. 7.

Warrenton opens its brand-spanking-new middle school on Warrior Way to students.

"It's exceptionally exciting because we're following through on the will of our community," Superintendent Tom Rogozinski said. "And there's a lot of excitement having the kids walk into a brand-new facility. We are very pleased with how it turned out."

A long-range facility planning study completed in 2017 showed that Warrenton was past capacity at its grade school and the high school was about 15 students short of capacity.

Voters approved a \$38.5 million bond issue in November 2018 to purchase enough land for three new campuses outside of the tsunami zone, and to construct a new middle school. The bond also would pay for safety improvements at existing cam-

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New college board member dies before taking office

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Suzanne Iverson -- elected to the Clatsop Community College Board in May -- died before she was able to take office.

A date or cause of death for Iverson, 73, of Astoria wasn't available. However, the college posted the following on its website July 26 as part of her board member profile:

"It is with great sadness that we post this announcement of the passing of Suzanne Iverson. Suzanne was

newly elected to the Board of Education, but had previously been employed at the college for many years. She was well respected by many at the college and in the community and her leadership will be missed. We give our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones in this difficult time."

Voters chose to replace two of the three contested seats on the Clatsop



Iverson

Community College board in May.

While Sara Meyer retained her seat on the board, newcomer Trudy Van Dusen Citovic replaced the incumbent board chairman, Bob Duehmig. Iverson received a narrow 50.4 percent of the vote over incumbent David Zunkel, a retired doctor who'd been appointed to the board in August 2019.

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