

Public safety calls

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

•Stolen flatbed trailer, 10:08 a.m. Nov. 24, 1000 block South Main Avenue. A trailer valued at \$800 was stolen from the business.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AND DISTURBANCES

•Trespassing, 3 p.m. Nov. 23, former Dooger's Restaurant. Subject arrested on felony warrant issued by Oregon State Parole Board.

•Transient camp, 12:01 a.m. Nov. 24, behind former Dooger's Restaurant.

•Trespassing, 9:05 a.m. Nov. 24, 1600 block South Main Avenue.

•Disturbance, 5:58 p.m. Nov. 24, Petco.

•Trespassing, 4:23 a.m. Nov. 29, former Dooger's Restaurant. Person moved out of the immediate vicinity.

•Illegal camping, 9:05 a.m. Nov. 29, Skipanon River at Southeast First Street. Subjects advised to leave and clean up their camp.

at 0.20 percent.

•Traffic stop, 2:55 p.m. Nov. 28, Harbor Drive at Heron Avenue. Driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.

•Traffic stop, 3:37 p.m. Nov. 29, Ensign and Bugle lanes. Driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

•Commercial panic alarm, 6:03 a.m. Nov. 23, Wendy's drive-through.

•Boat bilge alarm sounding, 6:10 p.m. Nov. 23, Warrenton Marina.

•Fire alarm, 11:31 a.m. Nov. 24, 200 Southwest Third Street.

•Possible water rescue, 2:54 p.m. Nov. 26, Columbia River.

•Burglar alarm, 6:12 p.m. Nov. 29, Wauna Federal Credit Union. Building secure.

MEDICAL CALLS

•Medical response, 3:34 a.m. Nov. 24, 500 block Northwest Seventh Place.

•Medical response, 9:34 a.m. Nov. 25, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.

•Medical response, 5:46 p.m. Nov. 29, 1600 block Honeysuckle Loop.

•Medical response, 3:17 a.m. Nov. 30, 90900 block Highway 101.

•Lift assist, 4:29 p.m. Nov. 30, 200 block Alder Avenue.

TRAFFIC

•Hit-and-run, 2:45 p.m. Nov. 22, 1400 block Southeast Discovery Lane. Susan L. Whitman, 77, of Hammond was cited for failing to perform the duties of a driver who has damaged property.

•Collision, 11:24 a.m. Nov. 23, Wendy's drive-through.

•Collision, 7:50 p.m. Nov. 24, 32900 block DeLaura Beach Lane.

•Collision, 11:51 p.m. Nov. 24, near Premarq Center.

•Traffic stop, 3:38 p.m. Nov. 24, Ensign Lane near Dollar Tree. Driver cited for driving while suspended and having no insurance.

•Pickup into ditch, 9:20 p.m. Nov. 25, Harbor Drive at King Avenue. Darlene F. Van Auken, 35, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and for reckless driving. Her blood-alcohol level was recorded

The week ahead

Many public meetings are held virtually. Information on how to connect is posted on each entity's website.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

•Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St., Second Floor.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

•Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., 10 Pier 1, Suite 209, Astoria.

•Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

•Clatsop County Commission, 5 p.m., 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

•Warrenton Community Library Board, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

•Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., Warrenton High School Library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

•Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive, Astoria.

•Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Business After Hours, 5:30 p.m., Rosebriar Mansion, 636 14th St., Astoria.

•Warrenton Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

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New variant a state concern

The Columbia Press

As the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 looms large, the state reached a milestone of 5,000 deaths due to the pandemic.

As of Wednesday, 5,186 Oregonians have died, according to Oregon Health Authority. In Clatsop County, 34 people have died.

While much is unknown about the new variant, OHA issued a statement Monday.

"What we do know is that the basic prevention steps we have long talked about remain the best ways to protect yourself against Omicron, Delta or any variant of COVID-19," said Dr. Dean Sidelinger, state health officer. "Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including most circulating variants."

Oregon has one of the best variant surveillance systems in the nation, he said, and no cases of Omicron have been detected here yet.

Omicron is reported to be more transmissible than Delta variant, which is responsible for nearly all recent cases in Oregon.

"The vaccines have remained highly effective against other variants, and we expect the same to be true with Omicron," he said. "We should have early answers in the coming weeks."

Popeyes: Cajun-style food planned on site

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drive-through restaurants until Wendy's Restaurant opened in April 2019.

The city's busiest intersection — Highway 101 at Ensign Lane — got busier and traffic began snarling at the entrance to Warrenton Highlands Shopping Center, where Wendy's is

located.

Last year, city commissioners adopted new rules that make drive-throughs a conditional use in all zones.

It means that every proposed drive-through will get additional scrutiny through public hearings before the Planning Commission or City Commission.

Except for the hearing, when potential traffic concerns could be raised, the company has met all other city building standards and conditions, Community Development Director Scott Hazelton said Tuesday.

The company hopes to have the restaurant open for business early next year.