

Weather takes another turn

After a New Year's Day storm dropped a foot of snow and plenty of cold temperatures in Clatsop County, a new storm system moved in Wednesday.

It's delivering heavy snowfall, ice and high winds to parts of the state and heavy rain and melting snow to others.

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for the North Oregon Coast with rain through Thursday and flooding caused by rain and snowmelt through Friday.

"We have severe weather advisories, watches and warnings all over the state, including threats of flooding caused by heavy rain and snowmelt," said Andrew Phelps, director of the state Office of Emergency Management.

"This can trigger debris flows and landslides in steep terrain, and the risk is higher in wildfire burn scars," he said. "We need to take winter weather hazards seriously and make good decisions to reduce our risk of being stuck on snow-covered roads or trapped by floodwaters. If you don't need to be on the road, stay home."

Oregon Department of Transportation crews expect to keep highways 26 and 30 clear throughout the week, but travelers are urged to observe any closures, give crews space to work, and never drive around barricades or pass snowplows on the right.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for local emergency alerts through ClatsopAlerts at co.clatsop.or.us/em/page/clatsopalerts.

Monitor the weather forecast for watches, warnings or advisories posted at astoria.or.us/dept/911_Dispatch or weather.gov.

Stay alert for road hazards such as flooding, downed power lines, falling trees and washed-out roads. Evacuate immediately if told to do so.

Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwaters; just six inches of moving water can knock a person down.

AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL

Check weather and road conditions in advance at tripcheck.com.

Allow for extra travel time.

Share travel plans with others and know the route and be wary of unusual routes recommended by GPS systems.

Pack chains, a cell phone and charger, water, food and warm clothes.

When stuck in dangerous winter conditions, remain in the vehicle to stay warm and make it easier to be located by rescuers.

PREPARE FOR OUTAGES

Have a flashlight, extra batteries, nonperishable food, and blankets available and ready to go.

Make sure phones and other electronics are fully charged.

Don't use camp stoves indoors and place generators outside at least 20 feet from the home.

ASSEMBLE A GO-KIT

Keep a portable stockpile of emergency supplies. Include waterproof matches or a lighter and a watertight container for important documents.

AGENDA

WARRENTON URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

January 11, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Warrenton City Commission Chambers

225 South Main Avenue, Warrenton, OR 97146

This is a Preliminary Agenda. A final Agenda and full meeting packet will be available on the City's website at www.ci.warrenton.or.us after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Public Meetings will be conducted in the Commission Chambers with a limited seating arrangement. To adhere to social distancing recommendations, meetings will now also be audio and video live streamed. Go to <https://www.ci.warrenton.or.us/administration/page/live-stream-public-meetings> for connection instructions.

BUSINESS

- Consideration of Resolution No. 22-01; Authorizing Appointments to Fill Positions and Setting Terms of Office on Urban Renewal Advisory Committee.
- Discussion on Residential Grant Program

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Business and development tidbits

County seeks developer for business park

The county on Wednesday issued a request for proposals from developers interested in completing the North Coast Business Park.

The 131-acre property is in Warrenton along Ensign Lane behind Costco and runs all the way to Alternate Highway 101 near Tractor Supply. It is zoned for light industrial development.

Developing the property will bring much-needed general industrial development to Clatsop County, which includes light, heavy, and airport-related industrial activities in the city of Warrenton, according to the county's solicitation.

Other reasons cited include enhancing the existing livability of the community through economic development and job creation, encouraging new investment and development that benefits the residents of Clatsop County, and maximizing taxable assessed value to allow the county to pursue other projects.

Proposals are due March 17.



TLC'S NEW PRESIDENT

Joe Schulte, a co-founder of Clatsop Community Bank, has been named Oregon Coast market president for TLC, a division of Fibre Federal Credit Union.

Schulte will head the credit union's new Commercial Business Development team, working from the company's financial service center at 2315 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside.



Schulte has 25 years of experience in the fi-

ancial industry, beginning his career with what was Bank of Astoria.

He co-founded Clatsop Community Bank in 2008 and was chief executive officer before its merger with Lewis & Clark Bank. He holds a master's degree in business from the Oregon Institute of Tech-

nology.

"I am thrilled to be joining such a talented team of financial professionals possessing a common focus of success through service," Schulte said. "TLC's combination of a very strong balance sheet, local roots, a wide array of products and services, and a committed focus to assist our business community compelled me to get involved."

Fibre Federal Credit Union is based in Longview, Wash., and serves more than 110,000 members.

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