

Business and development tidbits

Fish processing plant to open this summer

The Scoular Company was bragging on its Facebook page recently about progress at their fish-processing plant in Warrenton.

“We’re excited about the strong progress on the new marine protein and oil processing facility we’re constructing,” the company wrote. “We’re building toward a mid-2022 startup of the facility, which will upcycle waste from the seafood processing industry.”

The company, based in Omaha, Neb., launched Encompass last year, a new brand of fishmeal products that will be sold internationally.



Scoular Facebook page

Tanks are being installed inside Scoular’s fish processing plant at the Airport Industrial Park in Warrenton.

at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at its store in the Uniontown district, 285 W. Marine Drive, Astoria.

An open house will be followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. The store will have a give-away for a silver sword philodendron following.

Variiegata Exotic Plants is a small family-owned business that officially opened in early December. It carries a selection of more than 150 plants,

plus pots, macrame hangers and other home accessories.

BRIDGES IN THE WORKS

Clatsop County announced progress on two bridge improvement projects, the Asbury Creek pedestrian bridge in Arch Cape and the Klaskanine Bridge in Astoria.

Bergeson Construction begins work on the Arch Cape project next week; Oregon State Bridge Company starts preliminary site work in Astoria the following week.

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Two groups seek volunteers

Warrenton Senior Meals and the Meals on Wheels program is expected to return soon -- if enough volunteers can be found.

The programs were shut down during the pandemic, but had been popular with seniors seeking company, low-cost meals, or assistance with meals at home.

If you’re able to help in the dining room, or with cleanup, delivery, or prep work, contact Lorna Anderson at 503-298-3437.

The meal programs will not reopen unless there is an adequate number of volunteers.

Meanwhile, the Astoria River-

front Trolley’s operations team plans to run the trolley on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for the 2022 season.

But they can’t get back on track without conductors and motormen.

All volunteers learn the conductor’s duties. Those who wish to operate the trolley undergo additional training to become a motorman. Volunteers work one or more three-hour shifts per month.

To volunteer, call the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber at 503-325-6311.

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