**CONSTRUCTION** 

#### PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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8:59 a.m., Broadway and Roosevelt: A subject reported selling firewood is unable to be located by police.

9:45 a.m., 800 block Avenue S: A person attempting to dump a couch at the recycling center is apprised that's not

**10:03 a.m.**, 400 block S. Prom: Caller reports finding a purse in their backyard and believes it might be stolen.

**12:45 p.m.**, 1100 block S. Wahanna: An eight-year-old child reported lost is reunited with a parent.

3:06 p.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

#### May 12

7:29 a.m., 1000 block S. King: A female reported talking gibberish is advised she's making other people uncomfortable. She is encouraged to move along.

### May 13

3:43 a.m., 1200 block Beach Drive: A missing person is reported.

**8:37 a.m.**, 800 block Avenue G: A woman reported sleeping in the doorway of a business is advised management wants her trespassed.

8:48 a.m., 2300 block S. Roosevelt: A stray white Husky dog attached to no human is reported in a motel parking lot; police transport the dog to the kennel.

**12:52 p.m.**, Holladay and Fourth: A reported domestic disturbance in progress is intercepted by police officers who locate the subjects.

4:08 p.m., 12th Avenue parking lot: Caller reports a male subject stalking her. The man is contacted by police and advised of the complaint. He left the area.

5:48 p.m. 400 block Oceanway: Caller reports messy transients are preventing her from holding an awards ceremony for high school kids. The transients agreed to move their stuff and move along for the time being.

**6:22 p.m.**, Fourth and Beach: A huge hole dug in the sand is surrounded by cones so nobody falls in. Public works is advised to fill in the hole.



#### May 8

6:08 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response

2:48 p.m., 1800 block N. Wahanna: Structure fire.

#### May 9

**8:53 p.m.**, Ocean Way: Emergency medical response.

#### May 10

10:56 a.m., 900 block Avenue G: Emergency medical response.

**12:44 p.m.**, 2500 block Mill Creek Lane: Emergency medical response.

4:50 p.m., Bell Buoy: Emergency medical response. May 12

9:07 a.m., 2300 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.

1:46 p.m., 400 block S. Broadway: Fire investiga**9:05 p.m.**, 33000 Rippet Lane: Emergency medical response. May 13

1:52 a.m., N. Prom: Emergency medical response.

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#### Single vehicle crash

State police responded to a single vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 101 at milepost 17 on May 7 at 1:09 a.m. The driver, a 36-year-old Westport man, was not in the vehicle and could not be located. Gary's Towing removed the Toyota from the scene.

#### Two-car crash

A young Seaside couple were involved in a two-car crash May 9 at 12:04 a.m. on U.S. Highway 26 near milepost 19 that landed one car in a ditch on the westbound shoulder, rolled up on its driver's side. A 25-year-old Dallas, Texas man was given a citation for following too closely. Hillsboro Towing towed one car from the scene. No one was injured.



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## Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian Clatsop County hopes to improve evacuation routes to better prepare for an earthquake and tsunami. County renews focus on disaster preparedness

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With a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami on the horizon, Clatsop County has taken steps to protect residents and tourists from catastrophe.

The county has completed the Tsunami Wayfinding Project, which inventoried evacuation signs and identified where additional signs were needed. The county is also plan-

ning to relocate its public works facility out of the tsunami inundation zone — an initiative formerly known as the Resiliency Project, which had included establishing alternative evacuation routes around vulnerable parts of U.S. Highway 101 and U.S. Highway 30.

The alternative routes were put on the back burner, however, after backlash from residents in Lewis and Clark who live along a road that the county identified as an option.

In 2019, the county received a transportation and growth management grant through the state to develop a tsunami evacuation facility improvement plan. The plan will focus

on tying walking and cycling trails into evacuation routes and identifying gaps.

Parametrix, a consulting group in Portland leading the project, presented the plan and solicited feedback from the public during a virtual open house last week.

"We're talking about a very serious and substantial event that could occur tomorrow or 200 years from now," Ryan Farncomb, a senior planner and project manager at Parametrix, said. "So it could be difficult to make the case to folks the need for improving evacuation facilities or thinking about this. And so by tying this work to recreational facilities — trails which people could use every single day — I think we're really setting the county up for making improvements in the near term after this plan is done."

Gail Henrikson, the county's community development director, said the work ties in and can build off efforts the county's emergency management staff has completed, like the wayfinding project and the natural hazards

mitigation plan. "We're really focused on the coastal areas in unincorporated Clatsop County, but are also looking at the interconnections with the incorporated areas," Henrikson said.

The project is looking at Arch Cape, Clatsop Plains, Fort Stevens State Park and the Miles Crossing and Jeffers Garden area.

"What we did in this initial exercise, is we looked at the existing evacuation system, existing assembly areas — which again are those places that people are supposed to head to during an emergency and then also looked at a lot of environmental information, including things like where are there streams, rivers and wetlands," Farncomb said. "And also, where are there landslides or bridges that are maybe over land of concern.

"We looked at all of this information at once to be able to understand what are the risks to existing evacuation routes, what are the opportunities and where are there trails already on the ground that could be used for evacuation.' Farncomb said there is

in many areas along the coast, as well as liquefaction risk, especially north of Gearhart. "The area of greatest

substantial landslide risk

evacuation needs overall is that Clatsop Plains area north of Gearhart all the way to Fort Stevens State Park," he said. "There are many neighborhoods there that lack east-west access to higher ground." Farncomb said there

are a lot of north-south oriented waterways like lakes, streams and wetlands that make it difficult to create new connections. Meanwhile, a wide swath of the coast is expected to be inundated during a major earthquake and there are few places to reach higher ground.

Farncomb said improving trails in Fort Stevens State Park is also a priority because of the heavy visitor traffic during the summer.

The project will also look at building a vertical structure people can climb to evade a tsunami. The county expects

to hold two more public meetings in the summer and fall before presenting the completed project plan to the Board of Commissioners early next year.

An advisory committee for the project is made up of representatives from cities, fire districts, private and public landowners and nonprofit agencies, including Consejo Hispano.