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## City gets \$750K for development of community park

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A key funding hurdle for development of a new city park in Lincoln City has been eased.

Lincoln City Parks & Recreation (LCP&R) is receiving \$750,000 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for the continued development of a new 6.71-acre community park in the historic Taft District.

This funding was granted by the OPRD Commission, Sept. 14.

The \$750,000 assists in the funding of the first community park to be built in Lincoln City in close to two decades, while also being the first community park in the historic Taft District (southern area of Lincoln City) alone,” LCP&R Director Jeanne Sprague said in a release.

The current park conceptual plan includes new turf and surfaced multi-sport fields and courts, a large covered outdoor special event area which can convert to multi-sport courts, picnic shelters, restrooms, playground, and an accessible walking path around the park.

“We are so excited!” Sprague said. “Thank you to OPRD for



*“This OPRD funding is getting us to our goal of park construction.”*

Jeanne Sprague,  
LCP&R Director

COURTESY FROM LCP&R

See **PARKS**, Page A10      Soccer players, parents and coaches hold their hands up at the site of the new park as a thank you to OPRD for the funding.



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If granted, Oregon would be the first state ever to receive such a declaration for wildfire response, according to Gov. Brown.

## Oregon seeks fed emergency declaration

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is asking President Biden to approve a federal emergency declaration for the State of Oregon due to extreme risk of significant wildfires.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Brown released the following statement about her request.

“Last week, as Oregon faced forecasted high winds, sustained hot and dry conditions, and the potential for lightning — and with 168,000 acres burning across the state at the time — Oregonians braced for increased and worsening fires. State firefighting teams and agencies, along with local partners and resources brought in from California and Washington through the Emergency Management Assistance Com-

pact, mobilized to prepare for a swift response and to protect lives, communities, and our natural resources.

“Thanks to science and data, we know enough in the days ahead of anticipated weather and fire patterns — just like states that prepare for hurricanes — that it is imperative to communicate with the public, pre-position resources for our fire response, and employ preventive measures, such as public safety power shut-offs. All of these efforts reflect a modernized approach to meeting the needs of fighting the fires of this century; they are proactive measures that we can take to protect communities and save lives.

“The request I made for a federal disaster declaration is critical to helping bolster our state’s response, and it presents

an opportunity for Oregon to partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to bridge the gaps we know exist as we work hard to protect our communities. We still have several weeks of peak fire season ahead of us, five large active fires, and 274,000 acres burning statewide. If granted, Oregon would be the first state ever to receive such a declaration for wildfire response — but unfortunately, certainly not the last to need this important assistance.

“I am incredibly grateful for the strong partnership we have with the Biden-Harris administration and with FEMA, with whom we have worked over the past several years on various emergencies. I urge their earnest consideration of

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## Affording housing starting to take shape in Lincoln City

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Work has started for the development of a new housing complex at Highway 101 and NE 25th Street in northeast Lincoln City.

The project, by Portland-based Innovative Housing, Inc. is an affordable apartment complex consisting of 107-units in seven garden style buildings with associated site development, according to plans submitted to the city planning department. The development includes a community building with outdoor space, play areas, and associated parking. Small structures are included throughout the site to house mail, trash, maintenance, and bike parking.

The residential units include a mix of one, two, and three bedrooms in both flats and townhome layouts. The community building, centrally located on the site, is designed to provide common space for general resident use and a community laundry room, a property management and residential services offices.



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Work has begun two weeks ago to clear the nearly 5-acre site just off Highway 101 in northeast Lincoln City for the 107-unit affordable housing project.

A covered outdoor area and adjacent outdoor play area, directly off and visually accessible from the large common space and laundry, allow for parents to socialize while overseeing playing children outside.

A series of retaining walls throughout the site provide usable outdoor space, parking, and a series of walkways that connect the buildings closest to Highway 101 at the west end of the site with the rest of the development as it goes up the hill to the east. Additional walls and ramps provide accessibility, according to the development plans.

The pedestrian walkway

system includes access to a public nature trail that loops the perimeter of the site and connects to an existing public trail head at the southeastern edge of the site. The nature trail allows residents and the public to wander through those areas of the site left in its natural state. These pathways will be surfaced so they are easily useable by most residents.

Lincoln City Planning and Development Director Anne Marie Skinner said the 25th Street and Highway 101 housing is the latest of affordable housing development

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# Carp to be introduced in Devils Lake in 2023

## STAFF REPORT

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) plans to introduce sterile grass carp into the lake in spring 2023.

The fish will be used to manage plant growth and vegetation. This is the latest effort in DLWID’s vegetation management to ensure a clean, healthy lake for all to enjoy. In recent months, a steady rise in weeds and vegetation has caused concern by nearby lake residents and visitors. Lake Manager Josh Brainerd explains why this is occurring and how introducing grass carp into the lake will

mitigate this.

“We are bringing the grass carp back because they are an effective way of controlling weeds and vegetation in Devils Lake, which has seen a drastic rise in the past year,” Brainerd said. “The reason for this is due to several factors which can range from changing water temperatures to having more people on the lake.”

Grass carp are a species of fish that are commonly found in large rivers in China and Russia. These fish feed on a wide variety of aquatic weeds in natural water sources such as lakes, rivers, and streams. A well-fed grass carp can grow up to 29 inches in

length and weigh over 20 pounds in less than two years. The average lifespan of a grass carp is between 10 and 20 years old. Grass carp, like all cold-blooded animals, feeding rates are determined by water temperatures. Their optimum feeding levels are typically found in water temperatures between 70- and 80-degrees Fahrenheit, making Spring and Summer the best timeframes for stocking.

They were introduced into the United States in the early 1960s as a method of vegetation control. However, it was quickly discovered that grass carp reproduce at an alarming rate. In the 1980s, researchers and

commercial producers began producing sterile grass carp by manipulating the number of chromosomes in their genes. Triploid sterile grass carp started being used as a safer means of vegetation control. Oregon law requires that any usage of sterile grass carp for vegetation control be verified and documented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service.

Currently, DLWID staff is working with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to create a plan for stocking and reintroducing the grass carp into the lake. The purpose of the plan is to lay out how DLWID intends to re-stock



the lake, monitor the carp, and establish optimum feeding rates to ensure proper vegetation management. Staff will go before the ODFW Commission this winter to present the plan and answer questions. Once approved by the Commission, staff can

begin implementing the plan in Spring 2023.

For more information, contact DLWID at 541-994-5330, or email [Lake.Manager@DLWID.org](mailto:Lake.Manager@DLWID.org). Information may also be found online at [DLWID.org](http://DLWID.org).

## Sheriff’s Tip of the Week

### Hunting safety

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**Hunters**

- Check weather reports before visiting the forest. Dress properly.
- Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return. Leave a written plan at home and in your vehicle.
- Be familiar with the area you want to hunt.
- Consider using electronic technology such as a handheld GPS or an app on your cell phone that uses the GPS built into your phone. Such phone applications like, onXmaps. Personal locating beacons (PLBs) or Satellite Messengers

are another electronic that will assist searchers in finding you if you are lost or injured.

- Avoid wearing white or tan during hunting seasons. Wearing hunter orange, viewable from all directions is recommended.
- If accompanied by a dog, the dog should also wear hunter orange or a very visible color on a vest, leash, coat or bandana.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.
- Carry a spare set of dry

clothing. Use layering techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth. Always bring rain gear.

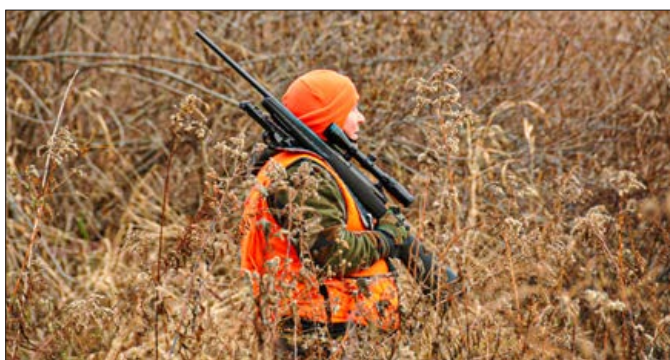
- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use its contents.
- Clearly identify your target before shooting. Prevent unfortunate accidents or fatalities.
- Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Other recreationists are in the forest as well.

**Outdoor Enthusiasts**

- Wear bright clothing. Make yourself more visible. Choose colors that stand out, like red, orange or

green, and avoid white, blacks, browns, earth-toned greens and animal-colored clothing. Orange vests and hats are advisable.

- Don’t forget to protect your dog. Get an orange vest for him/her if they accompany you.
- Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don’t make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid confrontations.
- Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity.
- Know when hunting seasons are occurring. Continue to hike but learn about where and



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when hunting is taking place. (Consider hiking midday when wild game and hunting activity is at its lowest.)

- Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hiking

location where hunting is not allowed, such as a national or state park.

For more information and tips, visit [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net).

## Police Blotter

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

For specific details or

concerns about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Lincoln City Police**

**September 6**  
9:17 a.m.  
Extra patrols requested following a report of a transient camp in the NW 35th Street

beach access area. Clothes, trash, bottles of urine reported at the unoccupied camp.  
12:54 p.m.  
Report of a traffic crash at SW 29th Street and SW Highway 101. One driver was cited for No Insurance.  
5:08 p.m.  
Female caller reported being assaulted in the 600 block

of Highway 101 by boyfriend still outside the storage unit yelling. Male suspect taken into custody for Domestic Harassment and Domestic Menacing and transported to the county jail.  
5:18 p.m.  
Police responded to a crash involving a vehicle and a skateboarder in the 600 block of Highway 101. Medical declined. A report taken.

safe from over the last several months. Property taken for safe keeping. A report taken.  
3:17 p.m.  
Police took a report from a caller in the 2000 block of NE Yacht Avenue that the grandmother’s credit card had been stolen and used at a local gas station.

groups of people parking across from the property during the day at NE 22nd and NE Oar Place.  
Police scheduled extra patrols in the area during camping ordinance hours.  
11:56 p.m.  
Caller reported male acting strange and refusing to leave property in the NW 44th Street area. Police contact the subject in the parking lot, determined the subject was in violation of a No Contact Release Agreement through Yamhill County. Subject was taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

**September 7**  
12:50 a.m.  
Police responded to a death in the 600 block of SE Jetty Avenue. Caller advised the subject had seizure. Not breathing. Not conscious. North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Pacific West Ambulance responded and confirm the death. The body was released by the DA and medical examiner. Report taken.  
8:02 a.m.  
Caller at the 4000 block of NE Highway 101 would like to turn in found property from

**September 8**  
10:25 a.m.  
Caller reports burn marks and ash around property in the 1000 block of SW 51st Street. A report was taken.  
9:20 p.m.  
Report of a verbal disturbance in the 1200 block of SE Oar Avenue. A juvenile on probation was transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.  
**September 9**  
10:45 a.m.  
Caller reports groups of people camping on church property at night and multiple

**September 10**  
6:27 a.m.  
Report of a fire on the beach at the NW 39th Street beach access. Subject contacted and taken into custody for a Felony Warrant. Subject was transported to the county jail.  
10:45 a.m.  
Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash in the 100 block of SW Highway 101. Two people were transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. One driver cited for Careless Driving. A report taken.  
3:17 p.m.  
Police responded to a three-vehicle traffic crash in the 2800 block of NW Highway 101. Report taken.



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# Hospital issues clarification of union press release

SUBMITTED BY SAMARITAN NORTH LINCOLN HOSPITAL

The Oregon Nurses Association recently issued a press release concerning efforts to form a union at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, and hospital officials wish to clarify some of the information.

“Our nurses have the right to a secret ballot election to decide whether to unionize. However, the information they, and the public, are receiving from union officials may be incomplete and inaccurate,” Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital CEO Lesley Ogden, MD said.

The ONA release said a nurses union will help address burnout, understaffing, safe patient care and ensure that nurses will have a voice in decision making that impacts their working conditions and wages.

“It is not my place to comment on how a union would hope to accomplish this, but I can respond to what Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital has done to address these important matters,” Ogden said.

**Staffing:** Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital has expanded

the number of employed nurses during the past year. When there is a vacant nursing position, where a replacement nurse is not immediately found, it is filled with a temporary contract nurse until the position can be filled permanently.

As a direct result of feedback from the hospital’s nurse staffing committee, the hospital added nursing positions in the medical/surgical unit and emergency departments and charge nurse positions in the emergency department. The hospital has standardized the practice of having two nurses on shift at all times in labor and delivery and in the intensive care unit regardless of patient census. The upgraded staffing plan in all units creates redundancy of skills and helps to cover breaks.

**Patient safety and quality care:** These are mandated by state and federal regulations. Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital consistently achieves high quality ratings in these areas from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as from a contracted patient survey company.

Also related to these topics,



a patient acuity tool has been put in place to give nurses an objective way to understand a patient’s medical complexity in real time. This enables nurse management to assign an appropriate number of patients to each nurse on duty to ensure that safe and quality care can be given to each patient under each nurse’s care.

**Employee satisfaction:** Data from the most recent employee engagement survey shows a high response rate and positive scores that are much higher than the national average in areas that directly contradict some of the points made in the ONA statement. These areas include questions about respect, patient safety and business ethics. The highest score was the ranking on the statement, “My ideas and suggestions are seriously considered.”

**Decision making:** The nurses at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital have many opportunities to participate in committees that impact their workplace, work conditions and the way care is delivered. This encourages employee engagement and transparency of decision making. Along with the nurse staffing committee mentioned above, other ways employees’ voices can be heard include:

- Monthly departmental staff meetings led by department managers.
- Monthly Town Hall meetings led by the hospital’s vice president of Patient Care Services during both day and night shifts; these are recorded so everyone has the opportunity to either attend virtually or watch later.
- Monthly CEO Q&A sessions held virtually and that are also

recorded for viewing by those unable to attend the live session.

- Sending ideas, comments and questions directly to the hospital’s executive team.

**Wages, benefits and other pay:** The ONA release stated that nurses at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital are not unionized, yet nurses at other Samaritan hospitals are, including those at nearby Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport. However, with or without union representation, compensation is nearly equivalent between the two coastal hospitals.

The two hospital sites developed their pay scales independently in the past, so the step rates are not identical, but are very close. Step rates are the pay rates calculated based on years of experience and education. Nurses at both hospitals earn an additional hourly wage differential based on education level (MSN or BSN) and certain specified certifications. Other benefits, such as the education stipend, are also equal between the two hospitals.

“A differential for education level (MSN, BSN, or specific certifications) was specifically

cited in a recent email by union organizers who say it was only put in place when administration heard of the unionization efforts, but the reality is that the inequity was discovered and corrected earlier this summer, unrelated to organizing efforts,” Ogden said.

Because North Lincoln is the smallest of Samaritan Health Services’ five hospitals and last-minute staffing is more challenging for this rural hospital, additional pay is available for North Lincoln nurses who pick up last-minute shift requests.

“We follow our values statement that specifically calls out respect for all and we take this very seriously,” Ogden said. “While we do have business goals and some years are more challenging than others, as a community-based, nonprofit critical access hospital, we remain consistently focused on our mission of building healthier communities together.”

*Read the original News Guard article about the hospital nurses’ union efforts at [thenewsguard.com](#).*

# \$5,000 donated for Healing Grounds project

North Lincoln Hospital Foundation (NLHF) will use a \$5,000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to help support the creation of walking trails for Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital’s Healing Grounds project.

“The hospital campus is in a forested lakefront neighborhood making it ideally suited for a peaceful and healing walk, which gave us the idea for the Healing Grounds project,” NLHF Associate Executive Director Leslie James said. “Once completed, there will be places for exercise, respite, rest and relaxation for patients,

caregivers, health care workers and the general public.”

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary is another large contributor to the Healing Grounds project, giving \$3,650 for the purchase of benches.

The project is already underway, with a heavy lift by Samaritan staff and contractors who are removing tree stumps and exotic invasives and creating undulating beds. Native plants from the forest will be transplanted where possible to blend the local native habitat with the newly planted areas.

James said the Siletz contribution

will go toward plants, gravel and labor for planting and completing the trail.

“We are planting native and hardy plants recommended by local nurseries and incorporating plants of cultural significance to indigenous people for future plantings,” James said. “They will be deer resistant and well adapted to our coastal environment.”

The largest area of the project incorporates the forest overlooking Devils Lake, with a gravel walking trail and benches for people to rest and reflect. This trail will connect to the existing hospital walkways and sidewalks, creating a quarter mile loop.

Another area is wild and will be left that way, except for the hundreds of invasive Scotch broom that will be removed, providing lake views through red alders from patient rooms. An area near the hospital’s administrative building will be built out with vine maples, rhododendrons, sword ferns and several other plants, plus hard-scaping, benches and picnic tables to provide a gathering spot for patients, caregivers and employees.

For more information and to support this project, contact Leslie James at [lejames@samhealth.org](mailto:lejames@samhealth.org) or call 541-557-6434.



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**North Lincoln Hospital CT Image Scanner Tech Kelsey Lovejoy.**

# OHA expands monkeypox vaccination eligibility

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has expanded its eligibility criteria for the monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccine.

The eligibility now includes “anyone who anticipates having or has had recent direct skin-to-skin contact with at least one other person and who knows other people in their social circles or communities who have had monkeypox.”

The new interim monkeypox vaccination guidance for use of the JYNNEOS vaccine was developed with extensive input from community partners, local public health authorities, health care providers and Tribal health organizations, according to OHA’s senior health adviser for monkeypox response, Tim Menza, M.D., Ph.D.

“It was a community-based process,” Menza said. “We heard loud and clear that if we wanted to get people in the door to get vaccinated against monkeypox, we needed to rethink how we talked about who is at greatest risk of infection.”

In its vaccine eligibility criteria, the vaccination guidance no longer refers to sexual orientation or gender identity – cisgender

men, transgender men, transgender women, and non-binary people who have sex with men – which may have been a barrier for people seeking vaccinations, Menza said. The guidance also clearly states what is known as the most common route of transmission: direct, skin-to-skin contact.

The guidance “no longer calls out specific populations defined by sexual orientation or gender identity. Instead, it calls out the most common route of transmission,” Menza said. “In doing so, we hope to reduce the stigma associated with eligibility for monkeypox vaccination.”

In addition to encouraging JYNNEOS vaccination for anyone who anticipates having or has had recent skin-to-skin contact with others and shares a social circle or community with someone who had the virus, the guidance also recommend the vaccine for other high-risk persons:

- Anyone who had close contact with someone with monkeypox or who local public health staff identified as being a contact of someone with the virus.
- Laboratory workers who routinely perform monkeypox

virus testing.

- Clinicians who had a high-risk occupational exposure, such as from examining monkeypox lesions or collecting monkeypox specimens without using recommended personal protective equipment.

The guidance also encourages vaccine providers to “think creatively” in planning vaccine events, Menza said.

For example, it recommends providers work in partnership with community-based organizations or local businesses to offer “venue-based vaccine events” that prioritize communities most affected by monkeypox, which will make vaccines more accessible and acceptable. Venue-based vaccine clinics are those that occur in spaces or at events frequented by people from communities most affected by monkeypox. For example, OHA and partners have been offering vaccines at large community events, nightclubs and bathhouses.

Anyone who requests the vaccine at community-based vaccine events, should receive it, the guidance states.

When possible, vaccine providers should integrate monkeypox vaccine administration with the influenza vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, COVID-19 testing, HIV/STI testing, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) information and referrals, and harm-reduc-

tion education and outreach.

Combining services will reduce stigma related to receiving a monkeypox vaccine “in that people could come to a vaccine event for one of several services,” according to the guidance.

“We want these events to feel more like a health fair,”

Menza said.

The expanded monkeypox vaccination guidance represents a new phase in the state’s response to the outbreak, according to Menza.

“Initially, folks were stepping forward, and we had a lot of demand for the vaccine up

front,” he said. “In the last four weeks, since mid-August, we’ve seen a steep drop-off in demand. Wait lists have dropped to zero, and available slots are not being filled. We need to reinvigorate our vaccination campaign and find new ways to get the vaccine to people who most need it.”

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# Wildfire

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my request so that, together, we can protect Oregonians and our communities, and serve as a model of federal support for states facing the ongoing threat of wildfires.”

**What’s ahead**

National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologist John Bumgardner in Portland said the region is now moving toward more seasonal weather. “It looks a lot like normal weather for this time of the year and the rain helped knocked down some of the smoke and haze from the wildfires,” Bumgardner said. “The high temperatures will be in the mid 70s, which is a few degrees below normal.”

Bumgardner said the NWS office in Portland recorded approximately 0.3 of an inch of rain Sept. 12 and more rain is likely by the coming weekend.

**Fire danger persists**

Oregon’s wildfire season often extends into late fall, and fire district officials caution that several days of prolonged rain is necessary to ease the current threat of fire.

“We still need to be vigilant with our use of fire and preventing nuisance fires on the landscape,” Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District Chief Pricher said. “In some fire years, fire season can extend into October. In other words, caution is still needed with campfires.”

“The fire danger is going from Extreme back down to High (Red to Yellow), however, this is nowhere enough rain to declare fire season over,” he said. “While the 1-hour fuels (grass and pine needles) were significantly affected, the 10-hour fuels (.25 inch up to 1 inch in diameter) and 100-hour fuels were not touched. What this means is that the water will evaporate very quickly after the sun comes up.”

Pricher said Columbia and Multnomah counties outdoor burn ban remains in effect. Last weekend’s ban on campfires, charcoal barbecue and portable propane / patio fireplaces is

no longer in effect.

Columbia River Fire & Rescue (CRFR) Public Information Representative Jennifer Motherway recommends that the public pay attention to local fire department websites and social media pages to follow potential weather and hazardous threats.

“We aren’t in the clear yet from the fire danger and our agencies are generally really great at getting any communications about hazards posted via social media to our communities, she said.”

Motherway encourages residents to sign up for the CAN system, an electronic notification system.

“That is the best advice we can provide the community,” she said. “The more people sign up the better chance we have at getting a larger communication out to our community.”

Pricher also urges local community members to be aware of the Ready (Level 1 evacuation), Set (Level 2 evacuation) and Go (Level 3 evacuation) in the event the area experiences a rapidly growing emerging wildfire incident.

He urges property owners to make sure they have defensible space in place to best protect their homes and businesses.

“Community members should check with their local fire agencies for more information and in some cases, we will come out and survey their property on how to harden a home in the urban interface area,” Pricher said.

**Red flag warning**

The NWS issued a Red Flag Warning Sept. 8 for much of Oregon and Washington, which means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly. A combination of high winds, low humidity and drought can contribute to extreme fire behavior, the NWS said.

Late Thursday afternoon, Sept. 8, Gov. Brown conducted a media briefing about the approaching windstorm and the extreme wildfire conditions.

Brown was joined by state fire and emergency management officials and leaders of the state’s two large electrical utilities.

“We are at a critical point, any additional fires would be problematic,” Oregon Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Travis Medema said.

“The combination of dry conditions, high winds and low humidity can lead to explosive fire growth,” Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Chief Mike Shaw said during the media briefing. “We are very concerned about the next 72 hours and what that means both in terms of what new fires will start and the larger fires on the landscape.”

Shaw said the current wildfires are threatening hundreds of homes in Oregon.

State operated electronic reader boards along highways in Oregon were used to alert the public of the danger with the warning: “Extreme wildfire conditions. Use caution.”

**Be prepared**

Brown urged all Oregonians to be prepared for evacuations.

“Go to bed tonight with a plan in the event your family needs to evacuate, or you wake up without power,” she said. Brown encouraged anyone who hasn’t, to sign up for emergency notification alerts at ORALERT.gov.

“Now is the time to charge your devises, make sure you have batteries, have nonperishable food and water available and extra medications in case you have to go without power for a couple of days, or if you need to evacuate from your home because of fire,” Oregon Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps said.

He also urging everyone to have an evacuation plan in place and to be ready to go if wildfires are threatening their community. Phelps said in the case of evacuations, everyone needs to be ready.

“Leave your home quickly,” he said. “Have your go-bag ready to go.”

Phelps also encouraged community members to check on their neighbors, friends and co-workers and to make sure they are safe.

“This is really about doing what you can, where you are, with what you have,” he said.

Phelps added that being prepared will allow first responders to help others who may need help the most.

On Sept. 7 Pacific Power and Portland General Electric (PGE) alerted thousands of customers that Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) would be possible due to the increasing wildfire conditions.

“Turning off power is the last resort,” PGE CEO Maria Pope said. “It is only done to protect customers, property and the communities that we serve from fire.”

Pacific Power estimates that 1,700 customers north of Lincoln City in the Three Rocks area, Otis and the Rose Lodge area were impacted by the Public Safety Power Outages Friday, Sept. 9.

The electric power was restored later Saturday, Sept. 10, according to Pacific Power Public Relations Representative Drew Hanson, who added that during the PSPS, crews were hard at work.

“That allows us to get in there and clear any debris and make any repairs necessary, so once that is done, we’ll get power back on,” he said.

Hanson said the need for the PSPSs has been decreasing since the Sept. 10 wind event.

“We haven’t seen any indication that another shutoff would be necessary, but it is all weather dependent,” he said.

According to Hanson, the Pacific Power weather team had been tracking the wind event for several days, providing updates daily that indicated where the most need would be for crews to be staging, given the combination of low humidity, high winds and dry conditions.

Before the event, Pacific Power worked closely with local emergency

management planners at cities and counties in the utility’s districts with table-top exercises for best preparation.

The utility also planned to bring in additional crews and equipment to Lincoln City late Friday as a proactive effort to be ready to respond to any weather-related event.

“It’s the normal equipment, such as polls, wires, trucks and professional line persons that we have readily available,” Hanson said. “They will be out there inspecting, so it will be an active time as the crews work to make a quick and safe restoration of service.”

He added that such events are another reminder for local residents to be prepared for power disruptions, no matter what the season.

**Governor’s caution**

During her media briefing, Brown said the state’s work over the past few years has helped to better prepare communities for wildfires, that there are more resources available, and healthier landscapes have been created during the off season. “This has made a huge difference,” Brown said.

At the end of the briefing, Brown again stressed the urgency of the current wildfire danger.

“Our goal today is to encourage Oregonians to be prepared and have a plan,” Brown said. “Each one of us can make a difference in the next 24 to 72 hours. Our goal is to save lives and to save property.”

As the winds shifted Saturday, Sept. 10, smoke drifted from the wildfires in the region into Columbia County and across much of the state. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued air quality advisories for Northeast and Southwest sections of Oregon due to the unhealthy conditions.

*Follow the latest developments at the [thenewsguard.com](http://thenewsguard.com) with extended coverage in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.*

# Nearly \$26,000 awarded to local arts, music organizations

**STAFF REPORT**

The Oregon Arts Commission (OAC) has awarded four Lincoln County arts and music organizations \$25,742.

The unrestricted awards are part of \$1,271,840 to be distributed to 165 Oregon arts organizations through the OAC’s fiscal year 2023 Operating Support Program.

**The four Lincoln County organizers and their awards are:**

- Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, Newport: \$10,539
- Lincoln City Cultural Center, Lincoln City: \$5,066
- Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Otis: \$5,793
- Newport Symphony Orchestra, Newport: \$4,344

Ranging from \$3,000 to \$ 25,000, the grant awards are available to nonprofit organizations with arts at the core of their mission and budgets over \$150,000. Organizations with budgets under \$150,000 are eligible to apply to the Small Operating Program. This program funds an additional 106 arts organizations.

“We regularly hear that operating support is the most important type of award,” OAC Chair



Jenny Green said. “Especially now, as arts organizations struggle to recover from losses caused by the pandemic, these awards help relieve a bit of the financial pressure.”

In 2019 organizations receiving Operating Support from the Arts Commission expended \$213 million, employed 11,681 FTE and produced events and activities that were attended by close to 3.7 million people.

**About the OAC**

The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its

grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts Commission became part of Business Oregon (formerly Oregon Economic and Community Development Department) in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities. In 2003, the Oregon legislature moved the operations of the Oregon Cultural Trust to the Arts Commission, streamlining operations and making

use of the Commission’s expertise in grantmaking, arts and cultural information and community cultural development.

The OAC is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

*For more information about the Oregon Arts Commission, visit [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org).*

# Protect US Fisherman launches advisory website

Protect US Fishermen has launched a new website to outline concerns about proposed wind energy projects off the Oregon Coast and educational opportunities about the sustainable seafood industry.

Protect US Fisherman organizers describe themselves as an informal coalition of more than two dozen organizations concerned about the environmental and economic impacts of proposed offshore wind farms in the Pacific Ocean.

Visitors to protectUSfishermen.org will find details not only on the current push to place wind turbine farms off the coast of Oregon, but also learn about the sustainable seafood industry and its positive impacts on the economy and food security, according to the release.

“For those wishing to gain a broad understanding of the debate surrounding offshore wind, the site provides a comprehensive overview,” the release states. “Those wishing to take a “deep dive” into the issue can click on a variety of links to well-documented studies and positions from credible sources around the world.”

Midwater Trawlers Cooperative Executive Director Heather Mann and a member of the coalition said she is worried that many Oregonians are unaware of the harm that offshore development could bring and hopes the website will help raise awareness.

“In a state as environmentally

conscious as Oregon, I find it disturbing that the administration and many legislators are either unaware or are simply ignoring the well-documented science about negative impacts to the marine environment from turbine farms,” Mann said.

She listed the direct threat to the California Current ecosystem as one example of the grave concerns about which visitors to the site can read.

Mann said the website is the next step in a growing effort to share information that already includes a Facebook page, a YouTube channel, and live events. Billboards, digital advertising, and print media are part of the coalition’s September campaign in advance of the Oregon legislature evaluating the future of offshore wind energy in the coming months.

While there has been considerable focus in Oregon’s coastal communities on offshore wind development, the website is aimed at educating people in other regions of Oregon and throughout the West Coast, according to the release.

“I’m not sure that people in the valley actually understand what is at stake here,” Brookings third generation fisherman Josh Whaley said. “The environmental community has largely been silent on the very real risks to the marine environment including to endangered whales and seabirds, as well as the habitat that supports



COURTESY PHOTO

**This is a screenshot of the new website.**

sustainable fisheries. As a fisherman, I care deeply about ocean health and this effort toward educating Oregonians will hopefully lead to more informed decisions on how we transition to net zero emissions.”

Anyone interested in being involved in the effort will find several options listed on the website, including contact information for elected officials and a petition urging the federal government

to slow the rush toward offshore wind.

The website also offers a list of coalition members, including links to many of the organizations. A page dedicated to news and updates includes links to the resolutions passed by city, county, and tribal representatives up and down the Oregon coast who share concerns about the process currently utilized by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM),

which the release states “is rushing forward with an aggressive offshore wind agenda.”

*To learn more about concerns with offshore wind farms, the impact of sustainable seafood on the nation’s food supply, and the positive impacts of fishing on coastal communities and the state of Oregon, visit [www.protectUS-fishermen.org](http://www.protectUS-fishermen.org).*



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# Opinion

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## GUEST COLUMN

# In The Garden: Termites on the wing

**CHIP BUBL**  
News Guard Guest Column

Flying termites don't indicate that your house is infested with termites.

The insects are part of our wood decay cycle and are very common. They certainly have been around far longer than humans in this landscape. The reproductive forms of the termite fly this time of year to mate. Fertilized queens drop to earth, shed their wings and look for a suitable home. Suitable is the key.

A dampwood termite requires continuously wet wood. If there is no dirt piled up against your house or leaking pipes in the walls, you don't have to worry about the dampwood termite. They can't live there. The subterranean termite is more devious. It must have moisture. But it can conduct moisture up mud tubes from the earth into your house structure. Crawl under your house once a year to look for these tubes. If you find them, you need to hire an exterminator.

It is interesting to watch the numbers of creatures that look forward to this annual termite flight. They include many birds especially swallows and Steller's jays, bats, tree frogs, alligator lizards, yellow jackets

(I have seen them grab wingless queens and haul them away to the nest), mound-building ants (they attack in groups), spiders, and so many more. This feast is probably millions of years old.

But don't get too complacent. Carpenter ants are our number one wood destroying pest in Columbia County and they are very dangerous. They don't require wet wood, though they do readily infest it. But that is a story for another column. If you suspect a carpenter ant infestation, you should have your house inspected and develop a treatment plan.

**Hollow potatoes**

Hollow centers are a peculiar disorder (not disease) of potatoes. It often strikes the largest, fastest growing tubers. However, you won't notice the problem until you actually cut into the potatoes during dinner preparation. The heart of the potato is either streaked brown or is actually hollow, hence the names of the disorder, "brown streak" or "hollow heart."

Older books say hollow heart is caused by uneven potato watering, especially on lighter (sandy) soils. That is part of the story but not the entire picture.

Newer research implicates

my favorite mineral, calcium, in the disorder. Calcium is very important to cell wall integrity in plants. In addition, it is a mineral that is not moved easily from the soil up through the stems and into the various plant parts. Finally, the roots and shoots compete for the available calcium with the shoots generally winning.

This plays out in the potato as follows: during rapid tuber growth, the plant is still trying to put out new leaves. Calcium is absorbed through the main plant roots and most of that goes to the leaves. Even watering tends to encourage more calcium uptake. The tubers also have some roots that supply them directly.

Calcium those roots and it will absorb the developing spuds. If you can give the tuber roots some soluble calcium at the time of most rapid tuber growth, you can dramatically lessen hollow heart. Commercial growers are using calcium nitrate as a soluble fertilizer run through their irrigation systems at this critical tuber formation period. Home gardeners can use soaker hoses and drop calcium nitrate next to them to achieve the same results.

Other possible solutions involve the use of wood ashes around potatoes, applying gyp-



sum pre-plant to add calcium without changing the soil pH (which increases potato scab) and avoiding varieties more prone to hollow heart like Russet Burbank and Kennebec.

**Many Extension publications available online**

Are you putting up salsa, saving seeds, or thinking about planting kiwis? OSU has a large number of its publications available for free download. Just go to [HYPERLINK "https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/"](https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/) <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/>. Click on publications and start exploring.

**Important notes**

Donate produce and/or money to the food bank, senior

centers, or community meals programs. It is greatly appreciated.

The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

**Have questions?**

If you have questions on any of these topics or other home garden and/or farm questions, please contact Chip Bubl, Oregon State University Extension office in St. Helens at 503-397-3462 or at [chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu](mailto:chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu). The office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*Chip Bubl works at the OSU Extension Service in St. Helens. The OSU Extension Service in Lincoln County may be reach at 541-574-6534.*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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**Big Timber and Rifle Club the Annual Sight-In Days 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$3 per rifle. Members will be available to assist in sight-ins for rifles to assist hunters before the season.**



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### September 24 - 25 Annual Sight-In Days

Big Timber and Rifle Club the Annual Sight-In Days 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days at 158 Wade Road in Siletz. Open to the public. Cost is \$3 per rifle. Members will be available to assist hunters before the season. The club's purpose is to advance the art of marksmanship with emphasis on recreation. For more information, call club president John Way at 541-272-7243.

### September 28 Watershed Council Meeting

The Siletz Watershed Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Siletz Public Library. A presentation about recent and upcoming habitat restoration in the Siletz River basin is scheduled as well as getting input from the community about their priorities. For more informa-

tion, contact tom@midocastwc.org, or call 541-265-9195.

### On Going Free Meal For Veterans

Homemade soup and sandwiches every third Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln City B.P.O Elks #1886 at 1350 SE Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.

### Art Exhibit

The Lincoln City Cultural Center (LCCC), located at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City, will present an exhibit by the Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild at the center's Fiber Arts Studio Gallery. The exhibit will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sundays through Oct. 23. A quilt raffle drawing will be conducted Sept. 30.

*If you have a community event coming up, send brief details with the date, time, location and contact phone/email to [jruark@countrymedia.net](mailto:jruark@countrymedia.net).*

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person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$29,300.16 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$72,087.73 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/- 2020, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due (if applicable) for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON, the undersigned trustee will on 12/27/2022 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the south entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located

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NG22-341 I, Scott Ludwig, am requesting a divorce from Donna Ludwig as of 9/6/22.

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No. 22PB07482 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIDNEY ANN GREEN, has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, SIDNEY ANN GREEN, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/- o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562, Zantello Law Group, LLC., 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: September 6, 2022. Joshua D. Zantello, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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Send completed application and resume to PCJWSA, PO Box 520, Pacific City, OR 97135 or email to [rdeloe@pciwsa.com](mailto:rdeloe@pciwsa.com). Position open until filled. PCJWSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Lincoln County, Oregon  
Request for Proposals  
for  
Consultant to Research, Prepare and Produce a 5-Year Strategy focused on Reducing Homelessness and Creation of a Sustainable Navigation Center

To view the RFP go to  
<https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/boc/page/rfp-creating-5-year-strategy-reducing-homelessness>  
or contact Lincoln County at 541-265-4100 to receive a copy  
Deadline 5:00pm September 30, 2022

Lincoln County, Oregon  
Request for Proposals  
For  
Consultant to Staff a Coordinated Homeless Response Office  
and to Facilitate meetings of an Advisory Board focused on Reducing Homelessness

To view the RFP go to  
<https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/boc/page/rfp-staff-coordinate-homeless-response-office>  
or contact Lincoln County at 541-265-4100 to receive a copy  
Deadline 5:00pm September 23,2022



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NG22-344 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
CITY-INITIATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT  
ZOA 2022-10  
The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2022-10 on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** The Lincoln City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2022-10 on **Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** All public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Any person who may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the proposed amendment. (The Planning Commission and City Council may continue hearings to subsequent dates and times, as necessary, to complete review of the proposed amendment.) ZOA 2022-10 proposes amending Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Title 17 to revise Chapter 17.08 Definitions; add an option for split-zoned lots; add special event; remove maximum impervious driveway width; remove pervious surface requirement; revise standard and compact number requirements; revise setback requirements in the RM zone; correction to dock conditional use in the RM zone; revise parking landscaping requirement; revise design standards for clarity and ease of use; revise pedestrian space amenity design standard requirement; revise criteria for director's interpretation for additional uses; add uses to Oceanlake; add community buildings, fraternal, social organizations as a permitted use in the Park zone. The applicable criteria are LCMC Chapter 17.76 Procedures and Section 17.77.130 Text Amendment. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearings and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. Public hearings are conducted according to adopted rules of procedure that are available at Planning and Community Development and at the hearings. The proposed amendment may be reviewed online at [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org) by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Draft Ordinances, and then ZOA 2022-10. A copy of the proposed amendment and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost at the Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. **For additional information, please call Anne Marie Skinner, Director, at 541.996.1228.** Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing in person, or by letter/- email, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to [askinner@lincolncity.or-g](mailto:askinner@lincolncity.or-g) or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. Planning Commission meetings are televised live on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City and rebroadcast at various times. They are streamed live on the internet through a link on the City of Lincoln City website, and can also be viewed following the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to the City Recorder, at 541.996.1203. Public comments may be submitted to [askinner@lincolncity.or-g](mailto:askinner@lincolncity.or-g), by attending the Planning Commission meeting, or via telephone. Public comments submitted by email to [askinner@lincolncity.or-g](mailto:askinner@lincolncity.or-g) will be entered into the official record, distributed to the governing body, and published in the Agenda packet. Individuals requesting to give public comment via telephone must email [askinner@lincolncity.or-g](mailto:askinner@lincolncity.or-g) no later than

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noon on the meeting day. The request must include the individual's name, the subject the individual wishes to address, and the telephone number the individual will use to make the call. Instructions on participating in the meeting via telephone will be provided upon receipt of a timely request. Telephone public comments will be limited to three minutes. Callers shall mute themselves prior to making their public comments and shall leave the call once their public comment time has ended.

NG22-343 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE APN: R506804 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Ricky Pestana and Janice Pestana as Grantor to Old Republic Title Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc., dba Real Estate Mortgage Network as Beneficiary, dated 01/26/2018, recorded 01/30/2018, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2018-01098 covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: UNIT 5, WHALE'S SPOUT CONDOMINIUMS, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 1, PAGE 116 OF THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE GENERAL AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP RECORDED APRIL 28, 1995 IN BOOK 298, PAGE 2014, LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH DESCRIPTION IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF Commonly known as: 1455 NW Spring St. Unit A, Newport, OR 97365 The current beneficiary is MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 12/- 21/2021 as Inst No. 2021-15926 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 03/01/- 2020 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust.1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$243,307.79;2. Interest through 5/27/2022 in the amount of \$26,826.683. Escrow Advance \$7,073.694. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$1,166.135. Late Charges in the Amount of \$196.596. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 4.7500000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust The principal sum of \$243,307.79 together with the interest thereon at the rate 4.7500000% per annum from 02/01/- 2020 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 10/19/2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225

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West Olive Street, Newport OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by The Mortgage Law Firm, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 10/19/- 2022 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move- out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court

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Super Crossword

BREAKFAST STACKS

ACROSS

1 Like ludicrous comedies  
9 Ballpark stat  
12 Yak it up  
15 Dad  
19 For all time to come  
20 One, in Bonn  
21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.  
23 Classic morning combo  
25 Trial software phase  
26 Donned  
27 1969 film featuring two hippies  
29 Downed  
30 — mignons (beef tidbits)  
33 "Fighting" NCAA team  
34 Beattie buddy Sutcliffe  
36 "If you ask me," in texts  
37 Rough- — (unrefined)  
39 Group of 20  
42 Irritated states  
46 Things often dyed and hidden  
50 Word often ending in "—ly": Abbr.  
52 Food carton abbr.  
53 Mascara mistake  
54 "I don't find it that simple!"  
59 Republic of China's capital  
61 Southern Wyoming city  
62 Actress Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"  
63 Charade  
64 Roman Cath., e.g.  
66 Summer Games gp.  
67 Incites  
68 Pulls off a difficult feat effortlessly  
73 Tick away  
75 Main character in "Despicable Me"  
76 Bank acct. buildup  
77 — jongg (unrefined)  
80 Recording room  
81 Be exultant about  
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87 They're boiled for 180 seconds  
90 Zesty flavors  
91 Afresh

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15 Poker take  
16 Locale  
17 Mile marker  
18 Poker stake  
22 Shops  
24 Moray, e.g.  
28 — Grande  
30 Baja party  
31 Greeting in biology  
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32 Go nuts  
33 "Little House on the Prairie" surname  
35 Quiet  
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40 Funny Martha  
41 Old Tokyo  
43 "— big deal"  
44 Mark who created Huck Finn  
45 Eyelid woe  
47 Strike lightly  
48 Govt. office supplier  
49 Isr. neighbor  
51 Latin Bible  
55 Lack of success  
56 Melville novel  
57 Puerto —  
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67 Poetic dusk  
68 Began a big battle  
69 "... blackbirds baked in —"  
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71 Brisk gait  
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77 Chutney fruits  
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79 Expedite  
80 Polaris, e.g.  
81 Growl like a dog  
82 "— -haw!"  
83 Grocery chain inits.  
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86 Birdie + 1  
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96 Smile evilly  
98 Gambling parlor, for short  
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100 Duration  
104 Slack-jawed  
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109 Abounds  
110 Chow  
111 Maui goose  
112 Meat-stamping org. Var.  
114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations  
115 "Auld Lang —"  
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that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:• You do not owe rent;• The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and• You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you

need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503)620-0222, Toll- free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://- www. oregonlawhelp.org> NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. The Successor Trustee, The Mortgage Law Firm, LLC, has authorized the undersigned attorney to execute the document on the Successor Trustee's behalf as allowed under ORS 86.713(8). Eric Marshack #050166 The Mortgage Law Firm, LLC Eric Marshack OSB #050166650 NE Holladay Suite 1600 Portland, OR 97232 Phone number for the Trustee: 1-971-270- 12331 (619) 465-8200 A-FN4758706 09/13/- 2022, 09/20/2022, 09/- 27/2022, 10/04/2022.



# SNAP clients to see \$69M in additional benefits

Lincoln County residents and most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments this month.

The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic. These emergency benefits are a temporary support that Oregon can provide because of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency.

Because the federal government approved these emergency benefits for September, Oregon will also be able to issue them in October.

However, the emergency benefits are expected to end when the federal public health emergency ends.

In September, approxi-

mately 433,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$69 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits.

“We know that many rely on these additional emergency food benefits to get enough healthy food for themselves and their families,” said Jana McLellan, interim director of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Self-Sufficiency Programs Interim Director Jana McLellan said. “We also know that many Oregonians are still struggling to meet their basic needs and we encourage them to contact our partners at 211, the Oregon Food Bank and their local Community Action Agency for support during this difficult time.”

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holds will receive emergency allotments on Sept. 13. Emergency allotments will be issued Sept. 30 or Oct. 4 for households who did not receive benefits in the first monthly issuance.

SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards. More information about

emergency allotments is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOODBENEFITS/Pages/Emergency-Allotments.aspx>.

Questions about your SNAP benefits should be directed to the ONE CustomerService Center at 1-800-699-9075.

If your household receives SNAP and your income or the number of people in your household has changed, it could impact your benefits. It is important to make sure ODHS has the most up-to-date information.

You can report any changes to your income or household in many ways:

- Online at: ONE.Oregon.gov
- By mail at: ONE Customer Service Center, PO Box 14015, Salem, OR 97309

- By fax at: 503-378-5628
- By phone at: 1-800-699-9075 or TTY 711
- Resources to help meet basic needs
  - Find a food pantry: [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](http://foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org)
  - Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or [www.adrcforegon.org](http://www.adrcforegon.org).
  - Dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-211, [www.211info.org](http://www.211info.org).
  - Find local resources and support by contacting your local Community Action Agency: [www.caporegon.org/find-services/](http://www.caporegon.org/find-services/)
  - Oregon Department of Human Services COVID-19 help center: [r.vices \(ODHS\) Self-Sufficiency Programs](https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/Emergency-Allotments.aspx) Interim Director Jana McLellan said.

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# State sees first rise in unemployment rate since 2020

Oregon’s unemployment rate rose to 3.7% in August from 3.5% in July. This was the first increase in Oregon’s unemployment rate since April 2020.

The U.S. unemployment rate was the same as in Oregon, at 3.7% in August and 3.5% in July. Over the past six months, Oregon’s unemployment rate has remained low by historic standards, averaging 3.6% during that period.

## Gains and losses

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment grew by 9,300 in August, following an upwardly revised gain of 13,000 jobs in July. Monthly gains in August were largest in government (+3,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+1,900), construction (+1,400), professional and business services (+1,000), and manufacturing (+900). Other services (-800 jobs) and financial activities (-700) were the only major industries that shed more than 500 jobs.

With the rapid gains in total nonfarm payroll jobs in July and August, Oregon reached a record employment total of 1,974,700 jobs in August, which was 2,500 jobs above the pre-pandemic peak reached in February 2020. The private sector has also regained all of the jobs it lost during



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The Oregon Employment Department report shows 95,391 unemployed and 2,122,434 employed in the state in August.

the pandemic recession.

Over the past 12 months, total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 74,800 jobs, or 3.9%.

## Powering the recovery

The following industries are powering the recovery, as each added more

than 6,000 jobs while expanding at a faster rate than total nonfarm:

- Leisure and hospitality (+18,500 jobs, or 9.9%)
- Construction (+9,600 jobs, or 8.7%)
- Manufacturing (+9,900 jobs, or 5.3%)
- Professional and business jobs, or

4.7%)

Local government strayed from its usual seasonal pattern as local schools experienced fewer summer job reductions than normal, adding jobs in both July and August.

This trend followed the first six months of the year, when local

government employment averaged nearly 12,000 fewer jobs than in 2019, prior to the recession. But with fewer short-term job reductions in July and August of this year, local government education employed a total of 108,600 in August, which was 2,500 above its level in August 2019.

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# Nearly 15% rent boost allowed in 2023

What renters in Lincoln County and across the state pay may be going up by 14.6% in 2023 under Oregon’s renter cap law.

“The allowable rent increase percentage for the 2023 calendar year is 14.6%,” the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA) website states. “The allowable rent increase percentage for the previous year, 2022, was 9.9%.”

The agency is responsible for calculating and publishing, by Sept. 30, of each year, the maximum annual rent increase percentage allowed by statute (ORS 90.323 or ORS 90.600) for the following calendar year.

OEA calculates this amount as 7% plus the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as most recently published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

OEA states it will publish the maximum annual rent increase for 2024 by Sept. 30, 2023.

That exact calculation will be the percent change from the CPI average for the September 2022 to August 2023 time period (most recent year), compared to the September 2021 to August 2022 time period (previous year), plus 7%.

The Oregon Legislature implemented a statewide rent control

policy in 2019 setting rent increases at 7% plus inflation.

The rent increase cap only applies to apartments and rental homes that are 15 years old or older. Rental housing that is more recent is not covered, according to a KPTV report.

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## Conference to offer tourism decompressing time



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**The beach at Taft in Lincoln City during a Fourth of July gathering. The area continues to attract many visitors each summer.**

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) will host the sixth annual People’s Coast Summit in Yachats October 10 through 12.

This end-of-season industry gathering welcomes participants to decompress from the busy summer tourism season, share experiences and connect with colleagues old and new, according to the OCVA.

The programming will focus on ‘travelability’ or the accessibility in travel on the Coast. Keynote speaker Keltie Miller-Anderson will address topics of accessibility and disability advocacy in the tourism space.

Miller-Anderson, of Calgary, Canada, has received many awards for her work as an environmentalist, innovator and scientist. She is one of Canada’s Top 20 Under 20, Next 36, and a Manning Youth Innovation award winner.

Additional keynotes will be delivered by Zachary Stocks of the Oregon Black Pioneers, speaking about uncovering seldom-told stories, and Dr. Sara Hamilton of University of California Davis, speaking about Oregon’s kelp forests and

opportunities for ocean-based ecotourism.

“We are thrilled to have such knowledgeable speakers this year to facilitate big picture thinking about progressive initiatives in tourism,” OCVA Deputy Director and Summit organizer Arica Sears said.

More experts will deliver workshops over the course of the conference, offering nuts and bolts skills for attendees to take home and put immediately to use. This year’s workshop topics include improving beach mobility on the Oregon Coast, organizing familiarization tours and accessible itineraries, and developing ADA compliant websites.

Tourism professionals, small business owners and anyone interested in tourism on the Oregon Coast are invited to register for the summit.

Summit registration fee includes meals, workshops and entertainment, and attendees should expect ample social and networking time between sessions.

Register for the People’s Coast Summit at <https://coast-summit-2022.heysummit.com/checkout/select-tickets/>



## REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN DALLAS

Stroll through downtown Dallas these days and you’ll be astonished at the resurgence. Five formerly dilapidated historic commercial buildings housing ten storefronts are undergoing major remodels and already the new shops are bustling.

What may be even more astonishing is that every one of those projects has been spearheaded by one couple, Don Sheely and his wife Debbie Boone, although Don is quick to point out that it’s been “a team effort”, citing the invaluable contributions of local tradespeople, city officials, their real estate leasing agent, even his bank.

There is of course a backstory and it’s fascinating. Both native Oregonians, Don and Debbie became financially stable by working hard for others. Starting as a butcher, Don climbed up the ladder to become an executive at Unified Grocers. But when his job required a move to California, Don and Debbie decided that living in Oregon was more important to them than a steady paycheck.

By mortgaging their beach house and borrowing from Debbie’s parents, they acquired the starting capital to begin to purchase and remodel commercial and residential properties in small Oregon towns, creating businesses, jobs and brightening communities. They were hands-on developers, participating in the renovations and often working in the businesses they were developing. They mentored employees and eventually sold them the businesses. Businesses that all continue to thrive.

You could call Don and Debbie both prolific and risk-averse, because in their 22 years of development the couple has continually gambled their own savings to purchase, renovate and develop five grocery stores, two restaurants, a shopping mall and dozens of homes in ten small Oregon towns, creating well over a hundred permanent jobs.

Don and Debbie, who live locally and still own and operate a Dallas restaurant, have long considered the revitalization of Dallas’ historic downtown to be an important step for the community. Each of the five buildings they purchased were in very bad condition, requiring nearly total renovations. But all had unique character that Don and Debbie were adamant to preserve. Much of the work has already been done, but when the project is completed, more than 25,000 square feet of commercial space will again serve the community.

This is an example of a private-public partnership that has truly worked. Don credits Charlie Mitchell, who manages the city’s urban renewal funds, and Brian Latta, Dallas’ City Manager, for their positive assistance. “Charlie and Brian are very long-term thinkers,” explains Don. “They believed in the importance of the downtown revitalization as much as we did and helped us apply for partial urban renewal grants that made the projects more economically feasible. They also continue to help with the myriad of practical considerations such as providing adequate parking for customers visiting the ten new local businesses.”

Don and Debbie’s projects have served as a catalyst for further downtown Dallas revitalization. Currently six other downtown commercial property owners have begun building facelifts partially funded through urban renewal grants. To use a term popular in the media these days, you could say *Dallas is having a moment*. “There’s a lot of home building happening in town and it makes sense,” says Don. “We’re just a short commute to Salem and you can’t beat the quality of life in Dallas. Revitalizing downtown just makes the community even more appealing.”

Each day about twenty skilled tradespeople can be seen working on the buildings. *Complete Home Maintenance* is the main contractor, while locally-owned *Priority Plumbing*, *Home Comfort* and *DC Electric* are also heavily involved.

In Don’s words, “this project never would have succeeded without Jennifer Hand,” the local commercial leasing manager who worked with the ten businesses housed by the revitalized buildings. “It’s a great mix and they’re all A-rated tenants,” points out Don. Some of the businesses are already in operation. *Two Wolves Tap Room* is pouring Oregon microbrews and serving food to a rapidly growing customer base. *Technical Genius*, a computer service store that employs five, is busy on a daily basis. *Well Within*, a popular juice bar, has already surpassed initial sales goals. *Hundreds Acres Academy*, a private school, is initially occupying the old Dallas Post Office on Main. Eventually academic classes will be taught in the 5300 square foot Carnegie Library that Don and Debbie are remodeling, while the academy’s foundation will be housed in the revitalized post office. Also among the new tenants who have leased commercial space are a marketing company and a floral shop.

Suffice it to say that such an extensive commercial development project takes considerable funding, but Don and Debbie knew that they would have the support of their longtime bankers. “Oregon Coast Bank has provided funding for us on dozens of occasions,” explained Don. “They believe in small towns, they’re not afraid to fund unique projects and they’ve always provided rapid hands-on service. I made one phone call to Jill Meengs, Oregon Coast Bank’s Senior Vice President, and explained how complicated remodeling five historic buildings would be. The next day, Jill was here in Dallas along with Lance Nunn, Oregon Coast Bank’s President. They got real creative and by the time we sat down for lunch they had figured out how to fund the entire project. It never would have gotten off the ground without their support.”

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# New study shows how sperm whales communicate

**MOLLY ROSBACH**  
News Guard Guest Article

Sperm whales in the Pacific Ocean make distinct vocalizations that help them identify whales in different clans, a new study from a team including an Oregon State University researcher found. These vocalizations, called “identity codas,” are unique sequences of Morse code-like clicking sounds that function as symbolic markers of different social groups and are indicative of whale culture, researchers say. “They’re all kind of using the same language, but phrasing things slightly differently,” said Mauricio Cantor, assistant professor in OSU’s Marine Mammal Institute and a co-author on the study, published last week in PNAS. “As symbolic markers, the identity codas would serve as a flag: an arbitrary but useful way to advertise membership of a particular group.” Cantor compared the use of identity codas to a human wearing a football jersey: If you attend a game but don’t know anyone in the crowd, a jersey is a simple way of telling everyone else which group you’re in. The codas are a sign of whale culture because they are shared among clan members, learned and passed down through generations via social learning,

he said. Whale calves aren’t born knowing any specific codas, but they learn them by mimicking adult members of their clan. And the clans’ codas have remained consistent over time. “The bigger picture here is this gigantic gap that we perceive (or insist on perceiving) between humans and everything else on Earth,” Cantor said. “One of the main things that used to separate us is the ability for humans to have culture. This notion is slowly being eroded over time with studies showing that animals do learn, and they pass that information on, which can become little traditions that are stable over time.” That gap is further bridged by the new evidence that whales use arbitrary behaviors as symbols of cultural group membership, because such symbolic markers are universal in human cultures but are assumed to be very rare in animal cultures, Cantor said. For the study, led by Taylor Hersh of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in the Netherlands, researchers analyzed 23,429 sperm whale codas recorded in 23 specific regions across the Pacific Ocean. The recordings date from 1978-2017 and span locations from Tonga, Palau and Japan to Chile and the Galapagos Islands. In listening to the different whale

sounds, the team discovered one previously unknown clan and named two lesser known clans for the first time. Prior to this study, there were four well-known clans, but the unique codas identified by this team proved there are at least seven distinct clans in the Pacific, and possibly more to be found in less-studied regions. All sperm whales have a large repertoire of vocalizations, including non-identity codas that whales across all different clans use, Cantor said. But by analyzing vocalizations in terms of geography, researchers were able to isolate the specific identity codas each clan uses to distinguish themselves. They found that identity coda usage was more distinct in areas with greater spatial overlap between multiple clans, and less distinct in areas where individual clans were more isolated. So in regions where a certain clan knows it’s the only one in town, the whales seem to be more relaxed in the coda types they use, compared with crowded areas where they wouldn’t necessarily know whether a nearby whale is part of their clan, Cantor explained. The seven identified Pacific clans are named for their special coda sounds. For example, the “Regular” clan has a series of clicks at a consistent beat while the “Plus One” clan has



COURTESY PHOTOS FROM OSU

**Above: A sperm whale along the Oregon Coast. Below: For the study, researchers analyzed 23,429 sperm whale codas recorded in 23 specific regions across the Pacific Ocean**

a slight pause before the last click in a sequence; along with the “Four-Plus,” “Short,” “Rapid Increasing,” “Palindrome,” and “Slow Increasing” clans. The Marine Mammal Institute is based at OSU’s Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Ore., part of the university’s Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Other co-authors on the paper in-

clude Shane Gero of Carleton University in Canada, Hal Whitehead of Dalhousie University in Canada and Luke Rendell of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, along with 22 other researchers working across the Pacific.

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## Parks

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understanding the value and need of a new community park in Lincoln City. This new park will offer health, wellness and many other benefits to our residents, visitors, and local economy. This OPRD funding is getting us to our goal of park construction.” Spague said the OPRD funding is a huge boost to Lincoln City Parks and will be coupled with \$1 million in State of Oregon funding this year from OR House Bill 5202 for development of the new park. State Rep. David Gomberg, who represents District 10 in the Oregon Legislature, worked collaboratively with district staff, LCP&R staff and the LCP&R Advisory Board to champion funding for the new Park, according to Sprague. “I’m convinced the new Community Park in LC will become a staple of this community, providing much-needed recreational space, opportunities for our kids, and new business opportunities for the

Central Coast,” Gomberg said. “This is a visionary use of the space and we’ll see the results for decades to come.” “The voices in our community have asked to have this park built, we’re listening and we’re moving towards the goal line,” Sprague said. “The building of this community park in Taft is needed, public sports fields, sports courts and special event areas are needed, all of which will support our local economy.” Since 2008, Lincoln City had been in talks with the Lincoln County School District (LCSD) to acquire the 6.71 acres, to build a park where the former Taft Elementary once stood. In anticipation of the park, the Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency built a public parking lot with 61 spaces directly to the west of the park area. In December 2020, Lincoln City was able to purchase the land from LCSD for \$422,000. In preparation for final park design, LCP&R in partnership with Lincoln City Public Works, is completing

land surveys on the park land, along with final demolition of the decommissioned Taft school maintenance shop. Sprague said the phased steps include finalizing the park landscape design, utilizing the current park conceptual plan, and then breaking ground on construction. Public open houses on the park landscape design are planned to start this Winter 2023, offering the public an opportunity to voice their wants in park amenities. This design will provide estimates of costs, allowing Lincoln City to phase the construction of the new park in accordance to available funding and budget. In a published interview with The News Guard in the summer of 2021, Sprague said community involvement will be key. “Community involvement, vision, and plan, with city and parks and recreation support and follow through,” she said. “The opportunities that this new park will afford Lincoln City residents and visitors are endless!” In that 2021 interview Sprague said the park is a win-



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**This is the site in Taft of the new community park.**

win for everyone involved. “It’s within a half mile of Taft Elementary and High Schools, and in close proximity to parking, shops, and restaurants,” she said. “Not only will this park be an economic boost to the Taft district and Lincoln City as a whole, the park will also provide developed recreation areas in an area of the city which lacks such park opportunities.” In her latest release, issued Sept. 15, Sprague said she is hoping that the community park’s phased construction can start in late 2023 and/or 2024.

“Pending funding, we will build park amenities as we’re able,” she said. “For example, we may need to start with construction of restrooms, playgrounds, or covered shelters, and build on from there.” The park funds come from a voter approved, State lottery funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Typically, the program awards over \$5 million annually to qualified projects, and has awarded over \$60 million in grant funding since the program began in 1999. This

year, OPRD allocated \$25.2 million in grant funds for 24 proposals from cities, counties and parks districts from across Oregon. Lincoln City’s project ranked 13th of the 47 applications. *For continued updates about the new community park development in Lincoln City, see <https://www.lincolncity.org/departments/parks-recreation/new-community-park-taft>. Follow this developing story here online and in the Tuesday Print editions of The News Guard.*

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# Housing

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