



Local small business owners protest the closure of Front Street



Photo by Bill Forhan

From Left, Debbie, Mike, Monica and Michelle express their frustration as small business owners last Friday. Frustration among small business owners whose businesses are facing potential bankruptcy is leading to protests all across the country.

Mayor hires new city manager



Submitted photo

Ana Cortez

By BILL FORHAN

In a rare split vote the city council voted to ratify the decision of Mayor Carl Florea to hire Ms. Ana Cortez as the new city manager.

Cortez received her Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington and likes to call Washington home although she is originally from California and spent much of her early career in the Bay area.

In 1917 she took a position in Yakima as the Assistant City Administrator and Finance Director. She left that position to become the City Administrator in Helena, Montana.

Cortez had some difficulty in Helena and left that position with less than a year left on her contract.

Council members were divided on the decision because several believed the community should have had a chance to meet the finalists for the position before the offer was made. There was also some discussion by Council members about the decision given the difficulties Cortez experienced in her position in Montana.

Cortez said she was hired to make changes to the way the city operated and had received good reviews on her performance. But there

was resistance from some employees who did not like the changes. She voluntarily resigned her position and received a settlement and letter of recommendation.

In a telephone interview with the Echo on Friday of last week, Cortez had clearly absorbed the most important issues of Mayor Florea's campaign. She said she had never lived in a resort community that was so heavily dependent on tourism. She said she believed it was important to build our community as a community that all of our people could call home.

People who only come for a weekend are not invested in the community. We must find a way for all of those who work here can afford to live here. That includes the teachers, the nurses, the bus drivers, hotel workers and waitresses.

She said now we have to find a way to reopen our economy. We must insure our local residents that we are safe. That we do not become another hot spot for the infection to spread.

In discussing the issue of "workforce housing" as expressed by Mayor Florea, Cortez said she spent most of her working life in California.

"California is broken," she said.

In San Francisco unless you are a millionaire you cannot afford to live in San Francisco. There is no diversity of housing. So people have to live outside of the city. Many are commuting as much as 3 hours a day. That creates gridlock. People live

in their cars. The idea of a family unit that sits together and has dinner is out of the question because you are in the car. You pollute. You spend a lot of money on gas. You often don't have the disposable income to take advantage of the other benefits of the local economy.

Cortez did say that commuting in from Cashmere or Wenatchee was not unreasonable. It is about choices.

You just cannot have a community that only has luxury homes or a high percentage of vacation homes without creating the problems like California.

"We must make sure that Leavenworth does not just become a playground for the city of Seattle," said Cortez.

Ana Cortez begins her position on Monday, June 1.

opposed. Council then approved a measure to engage attorney Andy Lane to represent the city in the appeal for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. That measure passed unanimously.

Pool and Festhalle Rental Fees Increased
Although it is unclear if the pool will open this season. Pool use fees were increased to \$5 for PRSA residents and \$7 for non-residents. Council unanimously approved increases in fees for use of the pool. Senior rates did not change.

Festhalle fee increases were also approved. The daily use fees were generally increased by \$25 per day or \$75 for Friday and Saturday events. The fee increases were approved unanimously.

Amendment to the USDA Rural Development Loan/Grant
Current cost estimates for the Waste Water System Improvements have increased by \$5,566,000 from the original proposal. Bringing the total cost for the project to \$19,506,000. Funding for the project came primarily through the USDA Rural Development Loan/Grant program. The new program is estimated to include a grant in the amount of \$7,360,000 and a loan of \$12,146,000. This represent an increase in the loan of \$1,476,000.

While the paperwork was not complete as of the Tuesday, May 12 the council approved the measure pending final attorney review.

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City protests County's action to amend zoning of agricultural land

By BILL FORHAN

At the Tuesday city council meeting the council decided to take legal action to protest Chelan County's decision to amend the zoning of 63 acres of land. The property owned by Riverstone Ranch, LLC had requested the change.

Riverstone acquired the property from a local orchardist and has requested a change in zoning from agriculture resource land to residential. The change has been challenged by former Mayor Cherie Farivar and now by current Mayor Carl Florea. Both have challenged the change as

being in violation of the Growth Management Act.

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Stranded Students



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Valentin, Micaela, Rocio, Maximiliano, and Augustin are all graduate students from Argentina. They came

to Leavenworth, WA, to work the winter season at Steven's Pass but after the ski season ended, their flights home were cancelled because of the COVID-19 crisis. Then,

Argentina closed its borders. Their J1 workers VISAs expire at the end of May. They are very concerned that they're here in the US legally and have submitted their ex-

tension papers by mail but all immigration offices they've contacted are closed. Their worry is that they won't have jobs and though they're all working locally now, that will end when their VISAs expire.

They're staying in a rental house now, which the kind landlord forgave the rent for this month because of the situation. But there is no guarantee for the next three months.

These youth have enjoyed their experiences living, working and practicing their English in the US but 'not knowing' when they can return home is frustrating and upsetting. They're trusting that the immigration center

in Texas where they have mailed their visa extension papers will respond soon so they can work legally and support themselves.

On September 1, American Airlines will hopefully begin flying again to South America and honor their open-ended tickets home and

Argentina will open its border again. All the students face a two week quarantine at their own expense when they return. Meanwhile, the students will continue working on their online university classes since their regular classes are closed at home, just like all students here.

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Top Gardening Trends for 2020

Blooms and beyond: The top gardening trends for 2020

(BPT) - Whether you have an outdoor oasis or are a nurturing indoor plant parent, gardening offers a multitude of benefits and has the power to brighten up any space or mood. Spring is the time to plan what plants to grow, and with some expert insight on top trends, you'll be gardening with success and enjoying the results. The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares the top trends for 2020, guiding plant lovers at all levels to confidently grow a garden, big or small.

Indoor Garden Rooms

Mother Nature has made her way indoors with more people planting inside their homes in a variety of ways. Whether it's creating a soothing space by a windowsill filled with houseplants or growing your own edible herbs and microgreens in your kitchen, planting indoors is on the rise. Serious plant-lovers are even dedicating entire interior spaces to gardening, creating "garden rooms" or "indoor jungles."

Indoor gardening lets homeowners experience the benefits of plants wherever they live, regardless of the weather outdoors. Easy-to-care-for houseplants, such as Dieffenbachia, a strong and sturdy plant that has stunning and unique tropical leaves, makes people feel like they are on vacation in their own homes. Studies show that foliage plants also clean indoor air and lift overall spirits. Finally, don't be afraid of indoor flowering plants like Gerbera or Cyclamen. Their flowers last 3-4 weeks and are available in many colors to fit your mood or match your seasonal décor. PanAmerican Seed offers the Kitchen Minis collection as an option for gardeners who want to grow and harvest their own vegetables year-round. These potted vegetable plants can thrive on a sunny windowsill or counter. With Kitchen Minis, such as the Siam Edible Potted Tomato, people can pluck ingredients right from the container in their kitchen to use in a recipe. The collection also includes

sweet and hot peppers with more options to come.

Gardening for Health and Wellness

It's no secret that consuming fresh vegetables and herbs is beneficial to one's physical health, and gardening at home puts a variety of flavorful produce within arm's reach. The benefits of gardening also extend to mental health, as tending a garden and being close to nature helps reduce stress, calm anxiety and acts as a mood-booster.

Herbs are a simple place to start when growing your own food. You can't go wrong with Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil, which adds flavor to many dishes like fresh Caprese salad. This beautiful, column-like plant not only gives a bountiful harvest, it is also late to flower and can be paired with colorful flowers in a mixed container for month after month of hand-plucked flavor and garden enjoyment.

Mardi Gras Fun Snack Peppers from Burpee Plants are the perfect healthy



miniature peppers that add a conversation piece to any garden. They're available in four eye-catching color options that can be grown together in one container for a fun patio display, and kids adore helping to grow, pick and eat these crunchy snacks.

Aromatherapy is also a popular wellness practice, with lavender plants topping the list of must-haves because of its reputation for inspiring relaxation. SuperBlue English Lavender grows rich blue blooms on short flower spikes, providing a calming scent and great garden texture. Alternatively, Primavera Spanish Lavender flowers throughout the summer, displaying great heat tolerance with bushy, scented florets that attract bees and other pollinators.

Bold Colors

Bold colors are planted in gardens across the country and different hues blanket landscapes large and small. Additionally, people with container gardens are planting flowers known for their vivid color for instant impact, making this trend accessible to all, including those who live in a condo or apartment with limited outdoor garden space.

Some standout plants that feature the best bold hues include Galaxy Geranium, a brand-new series that is vigorous enough to keep its large, semi-double blooms in-color all season. Look for stunning dark red, pink, purple, salmon, violet, watermelon and white, giving gardeners the option to choose their favorite

shade or create a rainbow of flowers.

Another bold option that is wonderful for sunny borders or bright corners is Rose Marvel Salvia. Its mega-large bloom stems result in spectacular displays in spring and summer so you'll enjoy color throughout the warm months. The rose-pink flowers are deer and rabbit resistant, plus they rebloom without being cut back, saving time and minimizing maintenance.

Ask for these plants at your favorite garden retailer, and you're on your way to experiencing all that flowers have to offer. To learn more about these plants and the top gardening trends of the year, visit the plant experts at www.ballhort.com.

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5 Fresh Ways to Frame Your Outdoor Space

(BPT) - When determining the look of your outdoor living space, decking is only half of the equation. In many cases, it's the deck railings that are most visible and the design element that makes the first impression.

"Railings serve a necessary safety function, but they also play an important aesthetic role," explains designer Alison Victoria, star of HGTV's "Windy City Rehab" and "Rock the Block." "They frame an outdoor space and define the setting's style and personality."

Following are five fresh ways to frame up your outdoor space for maximum enjoyment and curb appeal:

Industrial Inspiration

Industrial styling is all the rage, as homeowners seek to replicate the clean lines and modern looks found in today's hottest hotels, restaurants and craft breweries. In backyards across the country, this commercial-to-residential trend can be seen in the increased use of aluminum railing styles that deliver sleek sophistication. One such example is Trex Signature Railing, which offers a range of designs, including horizontal rods, mesh panels or glass inserts, in addition to traditional spindles - all with the low maintenance and durability of aluminum.

Mixed materials

While railing matched to the decking remains perennially popular, an increasing number of homeowners are taking advantage of customizable design possibilities afforded by new railing materials, styles and finishes. Visual interest can be achieved by juxtaposing materials such as composite, aluminum, glass and brick. For an eye-catching color contrast, consider pairing chunky,

white posts with slim, black balusters. Or, mix classic and contemporary looks by using a traditional, wide railing to frame the deck while installing a slimmer railing style on staircases.

View-optimizing options

If you want to enjoy your view, thin balusters finished in black are a great choice as they tend to optically blend into the environment, putting more visual



emphasis on the natural surroundings. Glass panels are also ideal, of course, as are cable and rod rail designs. Conversely, if you have nosy neighbors or a view you'd rather minimize, opt for railings with thicker posts and more tightly spaced balusters to enhance privacy.

Form and function

In certain cases, deck railings can be as practical as they are pretty. One of the biggest trends is "cocktail railing" or a "drink rail." This approach uses a deck board as a top rail to create a flat ledge at just the right height for holding drinks and plates. This level surface also offers an ideal resting spot for potted plants, candles and other decorative accessories. By using boards that match the decking, you can achieve a look that complements your deck, while making great use of space.

Inviting Illumination

Augment the beauty of your railing and lengthen the time you can spend enjoying your deck with discreet outdoor lighting that can be integrated into railing posts and caps. Not only will lighting set the mood, it also adds safety and security. Consider LED dimmable options to maximize energy efficiency, such as Trex Outdoor Lighting, which also are weatherproof and salt-air proof - ensuring they will last for years. To learn more about different railing options and outdoor living trends, visit www.Trex.com.

3 Ways a Deck Can Make Staying Home More Enjoyable

(BPT) - With so many people across the country staying put in their homes right now, a fun and functional outdoor space is more important than ever. Amusement parks and concerts are closed or canceled and spring is around the corner, beckoning families outdoors. Millions of people are working remotely and looking for a more natural option for their home offices. A well-thought-out deck could be the answer

to making a staycation, whether forced or planned, more enjoyable.

Here are three ways a deck can improve the at-home experience.

1. Fewer screens, more fun

When kids are out of school, screen time usually goes up. Whether it's TV, computers, video games, phones or tablets, screen time is usually a sedentary activity.

A deck can provide an alternative outdoor play



space where kids can be active and stretch their imaginations, enjoy the outdoors and do things like bring their favorite toys like building blocks, action figures or doll houses outdoors.

Worried about splinters hurting those little toes and fingers? Composite decking is a beautiful option that makes sanding, staining, sealing and splinters a thing of the past. While composite decking has historically had a higher price tag than traditional wood, boards like Envision Ridge Premium deliver the exotic hardwood beauty and low maintenance of composites at a budget-friendly price.

2. Home office with a side of vitamin D

Millions of Americans have moved to work-from-home situations recently and are looking for a way to get out of their stuffy home offices in favor of a workspace with natural lighting and a great breeze. Soaking up a safe amount of sun every day can reap big benefits for your health, according to physicians and the World Health Organization (WHO), including elevating mood, improving sleep, promoting bone growth and strengthening the immune system.

With the right patio furniture, a deck can make a great option for an outdoor workspace to soak up the benefits of the

sun's rays. Choose a table of the appropriate height and a comfortable chair for extended work sessions, or a cushioned chaise lounge for shorter periods. Adding a screen or pergola to a deck can provide some protection from the wind (fewer important work papers blowing around).

3. Family time all year long

If there's an upside to the increase in people staying home, it's the ability to connect with the other people living in your home. Life can get so busy with work, friends and other commitments that it's difficult to find time to connect or have a family game night. A deck is a great place to gather the members of your household for a laid-back evening of stargazing or a rowdy game night.

And those family connections don't have to end due to summer's heat or fall's chill. By adding an outdoor heater, firepit or fans, you can extend your deck's use as a family space to the majority of the year.

As you can see, a deck is a great way to expand the living space of your home and to provide an alternative space for all members of the family to enjoy.

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CONTACT TRACING WHAT IS IT?



1

Chelan-Douglas Health District receives notification that a patient has tested positive for COVID-19



2

We check in with the sick person to see how they are. We tell them to stay home for at least 10 days after their symptoms started or 3 days after their fever stops, whichever is longer.



3

We ask them:

- When their symptoms started;
- Where they have been; and
- Who they had close contact with.



4

We talk to their close contacts who may be at risk of getting COVID-19.
Close contacts include people who the patient



Was within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes.



Was near their coughs or sneezes



Lives in the same home



Has cared for them

Close contacts are told to monitor their health for 14 days after they were last around the sick person. A contact may be asked to quarantine.

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

You can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by following prevention information you may receive if you are a contact. Your information is private and protected. Chelan-Douglas Health District has used contact tracing for many years - successfully stopping the spread of tuberculosis, Legionnaire's Disease, meningitis and many other infectious diseases in our community. Together, we can control the spread of COVID-19.



To Learn more and stay updated at www.cdhd.wa.gov/COVID-19

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- Wenatchee Area
11:01 Unknown accident, River Bend Dr. & US Hwy. 2
12:12 Fraud/forgery, 10670 Fox Rd.
14:49 Unknown accident, 11971 Chumstick Hwy.
16:28 Agency assist, US Hwy. 2 & Saunders Rd., Peshastin
21:18 Suspicious, 8381 Main St., #3, Peshastin

May 13

- 04:35 Drugs, 9255 Foster Rd., BJS Foods
11:46 Civil, 884 Jay Creek Rd.
12:14 Fraud/forgery, 8448 Mengelos St., Peshastin
12:27 Fraud/forgery, 205 Birch St.
12:34 Fraud/forgery, 104 Joseph St.
13:45 Trespass, 11684 Sunitsch Canyon Rd.
14:42 Injury accident, 20111 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Lake Wenatchee
15:10 Fraud/forgery, 215 Whitman St., #A
15:10 Suspicious, 8381 Main St., #3, Peshastin
17:01 Alarm, 475 Dempsey Rd.
17:13 Traffic offense, 3448 Hansel Ln., Peshastin
18:21 Traffic offense, 2435 Salal Dr., Lake Wenatchee
18:48 Traffic offense, 8397 Main St., Peshastin

May 14

- 00:37 Welfare check, 10380 Chumstick Hwy.
06:43 Theft, 6320 Campbell Rd., Peshastin
09:06 Suspicious, 10195 Titus Rd., Icicle River Middle School
09:12 Public assist, 4702 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
10:50 Fraud/forgery, 22301 Shetland Rd., Plain
11:25 Public assist, Peshastin
13:51 Fraud/forgery, 12919 Chumstick Hwy.
16:12 Fraud/forgery, 12165 Emig Dr.
16:16 Agency assist, 22126 Apaloosa Ln., Plain
16:55 Malicious mischief, 100 Ski Blick Strasse, #D2
19:31 Fraud/forgery, 12285 Allen Rd., Plain
21:16 Malicious mischief, 17051 Chumstick Hwy.
22:14 Traffic offense, Ward & Zelt Strasse
22:20 Domestic disturbance, 2453 Salal Dr., Lake Wenatchee

“I can't delay my care.”

There are misconceptions around the safety of visiting a clinic, hospital or health center right now - but medical providers want you to know accessing health care is safe. Care is available by phone, video call or in person. In-person care looks a little different right now: There aren't any more crowded waiting rooms, and you'll likely see a lot of people in masks, being asked screening questions, or have your temperature taken. All of these precautions are to keep you safe.

Hoping a medical issue will just get better? Not getting help could mean it will get worse. If you have a physical or emotional health concern, make the call to your care team and let them make the call about your medical needs. Don't put your health care on pause.

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