

Environmental, safety concerns cited in Cannon Beach road-paving project

North Eighth Street paving could bring safer driving

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CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach City Council has approved a neighborhood paving project that will have residents of North Eighth Street paying 80 percent of the cost to pave their gravel road. The city will pay the rest.

“This is one of the first requests following the update of the street standards,” Public Works Director Dan Grassick said.

The project consists of a 14 -to 15-foot wide paved street section on Eighth Street between Ecola Park Road and Oak Street — predicted to be finished by the end of October. The estimated cost is \$7,700.

Residents made the request because they were concerned about dust and hazardous driving conditions with potholes.

“This improvement does improve the health of resi-

dents,” Eighth Street resident Les Wierson said.

Neighbors also noted loose gravel is being carried into the stormwater system. Grassick added the gravel is being dragged onto Ecola Park Road.

“It’s a nightmare for us,” he said.

There are 10 affected property owners. Eight returned a questionnaire providing support for the paving and two indicated verbal support, Wierson said.

Cannon Beach resident Jan Siebert-Wahrmund asked questions and noted she’s not “a fan of more asphalt” as it

can produce more heat and have a negative impact on the environment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calls it the “heat island effect.”

During an August work session, Grassick noted staff had utilized councilor recommendations to add language regarding health hazards and environmental effects that can occur with paving.

The street standards policy was revised earlier this year. It included recommendations the Public Works Committee gave to implement the gravel street renovation program.

Regional unemployment rate inches up in September, but still down from last year

The Daily Astorian

Employment in northwest Oregon counties is dropping as early spring and summer gains regress into winter, according to seasonally adjusted data released by the Oregon Employment Department.

Clatsop County lost 380 jobs in September, 150 more than expected.

The county’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 6.1 percent, 0.2 percent higher than in August, but 0.5 percent lower than the year prior.

The private sector cut 480 jobs in September as summer wound down, while local governments added 100 jobs, largely because of school starting. The biggest private sector decrease came from leisure and hospitality, which cut 270 jobs; followed by food manufacturing, which cut 60.

September’s nonfarm payroll employment was still 330



Jobless rates for September*

Area	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	1-yr. ago
Clatsop	6.1	5.9	6.6
Columbia	7.6	7.5	8.4
Tillamook	6.3	6.1	7
Oregon	6.2	6.1	6.9
U.S.	5.1	5.1	5.9

*Preliminary, seasonally adjusted rates.
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Daily Astorian graphic

more than the previous year, a growth rate of 1.9 percent. Over the past year, leisure and hospitality has added 250 jobs; retail trade 80; and educational and health services 60. Professional and business services cut the most jobs over the year, losing 50.

Columbia County

Columbia County gained 140 jobs in September, still 30 fewer than expected.

The county’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 7.6 percent, up slightly from the previous month but nearly 1 percent lower than the previous year.

The private sector added 30 jobs in September, while governments added 110, largely because of school starting. Trade, transportation and utilities added 50 jobs.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in September — 10,480 — was 500 more than the previous year, a 5 percent growth rate. Over the past year, construction added 140 jobs, durable goods manufacturing 160, retail trade 80 and leisure and hospitality another 70. State government added 50 jobs over the year, as Oregon added more home health workers.

Tillamook County

Tillamook County lost 340

jobs in September, twice as many as expected.

The county’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, up 0.2 percent from the previous month and 0.7 percent down from the year prior.

In September, the private sector lost 230 jobs, while government lost another 110. The leisure and hospitality industry lost 130 jobs, and food manufacturing cut another 30. Despite the start of the school year, local education cut 60 jobs.

The county’s nonfarm payroll employment in September — 8,700 — is still 230 more than the year prior, a 2.6 percent growth rate. Over the past year, the private sector has added 320 jobs, while governments cut 90. Industries adding the most jobs over the past year included manufacturing (200), education and health services (80) and leisure and hospitality (60).

Fire season has ended

The Daily Astorian

The Oregon Department of Forestry’s Astoria District announced Monday as the end of fire season.

Logging operations on state, private and federal Bureau of Land Management land in Northwest Oregon are no longer subject to fire protection laws, such as maintaining fire equipment on-site.

Burning permits are no longer required from the state for burn barrels or open burning. Burning of logging slash, however, does require a permit.

Clatsop County’s fire department chiefs have lifted the countywide burn ban. Many rural fire protection districts require permits during the entire year.

Regulated use was also officially terminated Oct. 8. The public no longer has fire restrictions on smoking, campfires, chainsaws and motorized vehicle use.

Bazaar to benefit domestic violence programs

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SEASIDE — The Seaview Manor Bazaar is being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Seaview Manor, 135 12th Ave.

The event features juried art and hand-made crafts by local and international artisans

including holiday and personal items, home décor and gifts. Items are priced between \$5 and \$400.

The proceeds will be donated to The Harbor, a domestic violence and sexual assault resource center serving Clatsop County.

For information about the bazaar, go to <http://seaviewmanorbazaar.blogspot.com>

Chinook fishing restricted on Youngs River

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Youngs River and its tributaries closed Sunday to retention of non-adipose fin-clipped fall Chinook through Oct. 31 while state biologists wait for enough fish to return to the area’s hatcheries to meet broodstock needs.

Retention of non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook is prohibited in Youngs Bay and Youngs River from the commercial fishing deadline at Battle Creek Slough upstream to Youngs River Falls. Retention is also prohibited in the Klaskanine River upstream from the confluence with Youngs River, the north fork of the Klaskanine upstream to Klaskanine Hatchery Dam, and the south fork of the Klaskanine upstream to the first falls.

Fishing regulations for hatchery coho salmon and steelhead remain in place, as outlined in the 2015 Sport Fishing Regulations.

The area was closed to Chinook harvest from Sept. 1 through last Thursday because very few select area bright fall Chinook had returned to the basin, said Chris Kern, Ore-

gon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish division deputy administrator.

Returns to the area’s hatcheries continue to be very low, and biologists speculate the fish could be holding in the tributaries and not moving into the hatcheries because of low river levels and lack of rainfall.

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