



Safe route bike symbol, aka “sharrow” on Wilson, a block east of 13th. Note that A Street, when it crosses 13th, becomes Wilson, and Belmont when it crosses 13th becomes Union; both are contiguous east-west streets. “Compact only” signs have been installed at intersections to accompany the multi-modal route changes.

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City of Hood River adds to bicycle-pedestrian network

A new section of the City of Hood River’s pedestrian/bicycle network has been added — the Wilson-A Street Bicycle Corridor, with 18 new thermoplastic bicycle “sharrows” recently installed on the stretch and more improvements to come.

Sharrows are white pavement markings showing a bicycle symbol with two chevrons on top, named for a combination of the words “share” and “arrow,” indicating multi-modal transportation. The lanes are shared by vehicles — dedicated bike only lanes are marked with chevrons on the sides as well.

Wilson and A streets between 10th and 18th (one block north of Belmont/Union Street) is a rare continuous stretch connecting east-west sides of 12th and 13th streets that can serve traffic in the area and commuters to nearby schools to keep pedestrians and cyclists off streets with higher vehicle traffic, stated a city press release. “Compact Only” restriction signs have been placed

on two parking stalls at the corner of 13th and A streets to improve visibility. Crosswalk signage improvements are planned to complete this project.

Spearheading the project is City GIS Analyst Jonathan Skloven-Gill.

“We kickstarted bicycle route improvements while streets were quieter during the Stay-Home order,” Skloven-Gill said. “The project our team designed includes immediate actions and future expansions for projects that require more planning and involvement.”

The Wilson-A Corridor is the first step in a larger plan to expand the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) network in the Heights area. SRTS projects create neighborhood to school connections for children and adults who commute by foot and bicycle.

Conceptual outlines have been created for the next phase, on the Heights, to include bicycle lanes along Pacific Avenue from Second Street to 12th Street connecting to the Wilson-A

Corridor. This section incorporates improvements on a small segment of the Indian Creek Trail just north of Dutch Bros. to Union Street. Phase Two would also connect the Wilson-A Corridor north along 18th Street to May Street and the existing Safe Routes to Schools network. These project segments, as part of the City’s Transportation System Plan (TSP), will require extensive engineering and redesign that will take more time.

An updated network plan and map, adopted by city council in May, serves as a foundation to the city’s bicycle system and can be expanded and improved in the future. Although current work is only a small step towards Hood River becoming a comprehensive Safe Routes to Schools community, once complete, these SRTS projects would add significantly to the city’s pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure.

CORRECTIONS

The July 29 edition article on Hood River Schools’ summer meals program incorrectly identified Jordan Haas, Food Security Coordinator with Gorge Grown Food Network. Haas also offered this clarification on the program’s organization: “I think it is important to recognize that the district food service department provided meals from March through June and again during summer school in July. Heidi Benson, the HRCSD school nutrition director, and her team, made an incredible pivot to their food service operation and shifted to a mobile distribution model, basically over the weekend of March 14. It was an amazing feat and they deserve the recognition and acknowledgment for it. Our community program filled in between the end of the school year and will continue through the month of August.”

The “Fair Time” photo caption about calf-roping in the July 29 edition should have identified the man on the horse as Duane Nelson, a Dufur resident.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Dalles Riverfront Trailhead open

The scenic Riverfront Trail remains open, announced the City of The Dalles. The City of The Dalles has placed an outdoor Port-a-Potty at the museum’s trailhead. The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum is located at 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles; telephone 541-296-8600 x201.

TD Small Business Relief Funds distributed

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the results for The Small Business Relief Fund.

The relief grant was open to all small businesses in The Dalles area. Businesses had to be “brick and mortar” businesses, with a current business license. Applicants had to demonstrate a negative financial impact due to COVID-19, and could only employ 10 or fewer employees.

A total of 53 businesses applied for the \$35,000 made available by the Google Data Center in The Dalles. These grants were a collaborative effort between The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Google.

Google originally committed \$35,000 to businesses in the The Dalles ZIP Code. “To better serve the community, Google stepped up and contributed an additional \$16,000 to get grants to all the business in The Dalles ZIP Code that applied,” said a press release. The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce then chose to cover the remaining businesses that applied from outside The Dalles ZIP Code. Every business that applied was granted funds, said a press release. Funds were distributed by The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce last week. The Dalles Chamber reminds everyone to shop local and support businesses.

COVID-19

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Prevention Tips

Wash hands often with soap and water

Stay at least 6 feet away from others

Don't touch eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands

Wear a cloth face covering when you have to leave your home

Avoid crowded places and social gatherings

If you become sick call your health care provider

Heat increases risks

The heat of summer is here across the state, and with extreme temperatures and dry conditions comes increased risks. Oregon’s Office of Emergency Management offers a few simple tips to help Oregonians keep cool, stay safe and prevent wildfires as we all navigate the continued impacts of COVID-19.

- Staying home to prevent the spread of COVID? Keep windows and blinds closed to stay cool indoors and make sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- When you need to be outdoors, stay close to home, bring a water bottle with you and limit activity to early in the day or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.

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