

Florence, Lane County stripe streets today

Under a cooperative agreement, City of Florence and Lane County crews will begin street striping, weather dependent, on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Typically, the striping can be completed within one day, however as we enter end of summer season, weather plays a larger role in the operation. It may be necessary to complete striping tomorrow, Sept. 10.

The City of Florence maintains 87.98 lane miles of roadway with approximately 37.97 of those center lane miles.

Next to traffic control device maintenance, striping is a top safety priority.

Crews can only stripe when

the road is dry and the temperature is above 50 degrees.

Remember to give striping crews plenty of room and watch for the "wet paint" signs on Florence streets.

Although crews will use fast-drying, water-based paint, driving over fresh stripes or changing lanes when following a striping crew can remove the reflectivity of the stripe, reduce safety, increase maintenance costs and spray paint onto your vehicle.

The City of Florence and Lane County do not assume responsibility for paint on vehicles. The city and county will deny all reimbursement claims

if a driver crosses wet paint.

Therefore, Florence and Lane County crews ask drivers and pedestrians to watch out for "wet paint" signs.

Watch for "wet paint" warning signs and warning trucks. Don't change lanes behind a striping truck.

The paint they use is engineered to last, so it may be very difficult to remove from your vehicle if you drive on it while it's wet. Once crews spray the paint on the roadway, it can take as little as thirty seconds or as long as five minutes to dry.

If you do happen to drive over wet paint, it should be

removed within the hour by a high-pressure hose and using warm soapy water.

The paint is an alternative that is better for the environment. As the paint is applied, glass beads are deposited upon the wet paint to reflect lots of light.

For more details about street striping operations, call City of Florence Public Works at 541-997-4106.

DAV seeks drivers

Recently, a few trips to the Portland VA Hospital for local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) had to be canceled due to the lack of van drivers.

DAV is in desperate need of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive vets in the DAV van on day trips to Portland. Veterans need to make the trip for medical appointments.


The drive is about four hours to Portland, plus four hours waiting for appointments and four hours for the return trip, a total of about 330 miles and 12 hours.

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Lunch at the Lounge & Grill at Sandpines is a treat, but especially wonderful if the weather cooperates and you can sit outside to enjoy the view will having a tasty lunch and refreshing beverage.

The most difficult part for me was to decide what to pick from all the options on the menu. Soup & Salad or a hearty



s a n d w i c h , a burger or chicken or cod or a club? Finally decided on the Blue Belly Burger with gorgonzola, smoked bacon, caramelized onion, LTO (lettuce, tomato, onion) & mayo on a telera bun. I also upped the ante by switching out the fries for sweet potato fries.

We also ordered Spicy Chicken Bites served with a chili aioli and a

bowl of clam chowder. While waiting for the food to arrive, we enjoyed the view from the beautiful patio on a perfect sunny afternoon in Florence. With a refreshing glass of sauvignon blanc, the lunch was off to a wonderful start.

The appetizer consisted of sriracha and sesame encrusted pieces of boneless chicken served hot and spicy with the sauce on the side and our taste buds welcomed them happily as they were served at just the right temperature to dig in and lick the fingers afterwards. The Chowder, while a little heavy on the potatoes, had ample chunks of clams and great flavor. It was served steaming hot with oyster crackers.

Soon the burger arrived and it was cooked medium just as I had ordered. After cutting it in half to make it easier to share, the consumption began. The meat was juicy, the onions were nicely caramelized and the gorgonzola and bacon completed

the flavor profile. Several napkins were destroyed during the process and the sweet potato fries added the sweet crunch to a very pleasant experience.

The Lounge at Sandpines is an intimate, cozy place with comfortable seating, a full bar, a good wine list, a couple of televisions for the sports enthusiasts and a great view of the golf course.

Lunch hours are 11 - 4 on Monday & Tuesday, 11:30 to 5 on Wednesday through Sunday.

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