

# Bridge construction to continue overnight Jan. 9 to 12

Oregon Department of Transportation gives an update to the Siuslaw River Bridge Cathodic Protection Project work schedule for this week.

Crews will be working on the bridge in two shifts all next week, Jan. 9 to 12. The first shift is 4 a.m. to 5 p.m., the second from 4:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. There may not be construction noise that entire time, but there will be crews onsite.

• Zinc application work will continue on Span 8 of the bridge between 4 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Sand blasting will be done on Span 9 (North Arch) between 4:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. This work is done in the containment structure and is likely to be noisy. It is possible crews will be working in the water during this shift. Depending on how things progress, sand

blasting may be done on Friday during the day. The 4:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. work may continue next week, if needed.

• Expect lane closures beginning at 8 a.m. each day on the bridge for various work activities.

• Work on replacing the rails also continues on the south side of the bridge. The southeast side is mostly complete. Most of the southwest pieces have

been set in place, but the epoxy and concrete work finishing cannot be done until the temperature is over 40 degrees. Corner pieces will be completed last.

• ODOT is doing noise level testing to pinpoint some solution options to construction noise concerns. The compressor is the piece of equipment located by Dairy Queen. The generator is currently located

on the barge under the bridge. People have said that sound is bouncing, so ODOT is looking into that.

• We anticipate that the contractor will be in this location for about two months before moving to the south end of the bridge. At that time the rail work will begin on the north end.

ODOT Public Information Officer Angela Beers Seydel

said, "Thank you for your comments and questions — please keep them coming."

People wishing to comment on the construction's progress may contact Beers Seydel at 541-726-2442. More information on the Siuslaw River Bridge Cathodic Protection Project is available at [www.Siuslawbridge.com](http://www.Siuslawbridge.com). The project is scheduled to be completed in March 2019.

## THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

### A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

SUBMIT ALL EVENTS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO [PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM](mailto:PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM)

#### Sunday, Jan. 8

##### MAPLETON LIONS BREAKFAST

The Mapleton Lions Club, 88148 Riverview Dr., in Mapleton, will host it's monthly pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Menu: includes pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and younger.

#### Monday, Jan. 9

##### HELP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse, SAPPASA, meets Monday at 3.30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Come for a new year of choosing healthy living and raising awareness for a community expectation to be free from addictive drugs.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

##### WATER DISTRICT MEETS

The Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its monthly scheduled board meeting at the district office, 1775 Laurel Place, Ste #4, in Florence, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the

District Office at [siuswed@gmail.com](mailto:siuswed@gmail.com) or call 541-997-1272.

##### AARP TAX TRAINING

Training for volunteers will be held to become a Florence AARP Tax Councilor. The training program lasts three weeks and takes place at the Siuslaw Public Library in the Bromley Room.

For more information about this opportunity, contact Frank at 541-997-7836 or Gary at 541-997-7112.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 10

##### GOT PROSTATE CANCER HELP

The Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Education/Support Group will meet at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw from 5 to 7 p.m.

Urologist Bryan Mehlhaff will be present to provide the latest prostate cancer news and answer questions. Prostate cancer survivors and their spouses/loved ones will also be present to share their personal prostate cancer experiences.

Bring questions and leave with answers, or just come to listen and learn.

Call Bob Horney at 541-999-4239 for more information.

#### Thursday, Jan. 12

##### FRIENDSHIP CLUB AUCTION

The Siuslaw Friendship Club will hold its annual white elephant auction at The Shorewood, beginning at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon.

Come have some fun and pick up a bargain.

For more information, call Mary Danforth at 541-613-5907.

##### LEARN ABOUT RECYCLING

The Florence Master Recyclers will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Port of Siuslaw Conference Room, 100 Harbor Str., next to the campground.

The agenda will include an event schedule for 2017, ways to educate recycling in our community, and a short video.

Florence Master Recycler meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call 541-590-0506.

#### Upcoming events

##### PEO BUNCO PARTY

The Ladies PEO Chapter DY will host a Bunco party Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Ocean Dunes Club House,

Bunco will be played from 1 to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$15.

To reserve a seat, call Maryann Rood at 541-590-3053.

##### SHOREWOOD OPEN HOUSE

Shorewood Senior Living, 1451 Spruce St., will celebrate its Grand Open House on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A special public ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 3:15 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and tours of the newly remodeled facility.

##### RHODY CLUB TO MEET

Mike Bones will give a presentation on Rhododendrons Year Round on Feb. 21. This will be an informative talk on selecting the plant that best fits your needs.

Topics will range from plant size (6 inches to 90 feet), color, fragrance of the flowers and foliage, timing of blooming, color of the leaves, shape of the leaves and colorful new growth.

The meeting starts at 6.30 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

For more information, call 541-997-3082 or visit [www.siuslawars.org](http://www.siuslawars.org).

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