

Rhody from 1A

took a walk or rode bicycles on the new soft-surface shoulder of Rhody Drive and sidewalks near PeaceHealth Peace Harbor.

Florence Police Chief Tom Turner, Commander John Pitcher and Officer Coleton Baker provided traffic control via car and patrol bikes during the one-mile walk from PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center to the Greentrees Village Event Room, where Greentrees coordinated a reception for the celebration.

Residents of Greentrees were vocal participants in the debate for a multi-use path in the years leading up to the project. Through community involvement, they guided the city into making choices that preserved the native rhododendrons on Rhody Drive and provided adequate protection for pedestrians and cyclists on the new shoulder extension.

Vicki Martin, with the Citizen Committee to Save the Native Rhododendrons, said, "Today, we celebrate a safer walking pathway for all those in Florence who enjoy this scenic drive. Due to our efforts, the path was created in a more aesthetic way, saving hundreds of trees, native rhododendrons and precious animal habitat for our generation and those to come."

Florence Councilor George Lyddon said, "As a board member of Greentrees, I am sure everyone would agree that the residents are well pleased with

the outcome of this project. Greentrees is behind you 100 percent. We value our relationship with the City of Florence and look forward to many years of this symbiotic relationship."

The Rhody Drive Project, which involved multiple public forums, several iterations of design plans, input from concerned neighbors, the cooperation of Oregon Department of Transportation and engineering services by OBEC Consulting Engineers, has been in process since 2010.

The most recent phase took two-and-a-half years, bringing the entire project to completion.

"This project is just one example of the culture of change we have worked to implement into Florence," said Florence Mayor Joe Henry. "We had a vision and a plan, and we worked to make it happen. This is what our 'City in Motion' motto is all about."

Next projects for the city include this year's completion of the Public Works Operations Facility, 2675 Kingwood St., a remodel of Florence City Hall and the upcoming ReVision Florence with ODOT and Urban Renewal Agency.

"We are awake, and we are moving," said Lyddon. "We are being watched by other cities in Oregon and we are a benchmark for what can be accomplished."

Local officials will gather again Wednesday, Aug. 16, for the official Florence Coast Guard City Designation at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 10:30 a.m. to noon.



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Pedestrians, cyclists and even pets will be able to traverse Rhododendron Drive more safely.

This event, which is open to the public, will be followed by an open house at U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, 4255 Coast Guard Road, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

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You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Please post signs only on private property with the owner's consent. Posting signs on City utility poles, street or signal light poles, and median strips is against the municipal code. Maps will be available at the Florence Visitors Center.

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Times: _____

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Bring form and payment to 148 Maple St in Historic Old Town or mail to Siuslaw News PO Box 10, Florence, OR 97439
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