

# On The Record

## Rhododendron Drive sewer extension project begins today

Today, May 20, the City of Florence's contractor, Pleasant Hill Development Co. LLC, will begin work on a \$86,325 sewer extension project along Rhododendron Drive, between Treewood Court and South Harbor Vista Drive.

This project will provide municipal sewer service to existing homes that have failing septic systems or

prefer to have municipal sewer service.

Specifically, the project will install 410 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC sewer pipe; one 48-inch sanitary sewer manhole; three sewer laterals; two sewer cleanouts; and 275 square yards of hot mix asphalt trench patch.

During construction of the project, the south bound travel lane of Rhododendron Drive between

South Harbor Vista Drive and Treewood Court will need to be closed; only one lane will be closed.

A travel lane will remain open and controlled by flaggers during the duration of the activity.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are advised that the construction and lane closure begins today, between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and short delays are possible.

The temporary lane closures will last through May 29.

An emphasis will be made to provide accessibility to emergency vehicles.

The city has planned the construction in a way to minimize impacts. But due to the nature of this construction project, there will

be slight inconveniences, particularly to the residents along Rhododendron Drive.

The city and the contractor will expedite the construction through the area so that disruption to residents and visitors alike will be limited.

Florence Public Works would like to extend its thanks to the public in advance for their patience as it begins this important project that will bring improved sanitary sewer service to the community; staff is working hard to minimize inconveniences.

Residents are encouraged to call the City of Florence Public Works office with any concerns or questions by calling 541-997-4106.

## Be aware: Four coronavirus stimulus check scams and how to avoid them

The distribution of \$1,200 stimulus checks to Americans has given rise to unprecedented online scams.

**1. Robocall Check Scams:** The scammer will call pretending to be the IRS and ask for your personal financial information. They will claim they need this to deposit the stimulus check into your account and will also ask for a fee to deposit said

check.

In reality, they want your information so that they can pretend to be you and claim the check for themselves. They can also drain your bank account of your funds with this information and will keep the fee for themselves with no check, in return.

**How to Avoid:** Do not give out any personal information.

The government already has your information on file from when you filed your taxes. The stimulus check will either be automatically deposited into your account or you will get it mailed to your house.

**2. Email and Text Scams:** Scammers will pretend to be the IRS or federal government by emailing or texting you a link to click to receive

your check. If you click on the link your electronic device will get plagued with malware and your information gets stolen.

**How to Avoid:** Do not click on any links that are emailed or texted to you. The government already has your information.

**3) Google Search Scam:** Scammers have created copies of the official IRS "Get

My Payment" site and have updated their search engine terms so that people conducting google searches for information find these fake sites.

**How to Avoid:** Do not go on any website to get your stimulus check unless it is an official ".gov" or ".ca" site and beware of being redirected to a website from a non-reputable news source.

**4) Third-Party Stimulus Check Scams:** Scammers have come up with their own stimulus check programs claiming that they can give you additional money along with the government.

**How to Avoid:** Only believe stimulus check programs announced by the government reported by reputable news outlets.

### POLICE LOG

#### MAY 5

- Criminal mischief was reported on the 1400 block of Highway 101.
- Trespass was reported on the 1900 block of 37th Street.
- Theft was reported on the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive.
- Trespass was reported on the 400 block of Highway 101.
- Dispute was reported on the 1700 block of 12th Street.

#### MAY 6

- Trespass was reported on the 2400 block of Highway 101.
- Trespass was reported on the 1900 block of 25th Street.

#### MAY 7

- Theft was reported on the 1600 block of 15th Street.
- Accident, with injury, was reported on Highway 126 and Spruce Street.
- Trespass was reported on the 3900 block of Spruce Street.

- Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 2200 block of 20th Street.

#### MAY 8

- Trespass was reported on the 1800 block of Oak Street.
- Harassment was reported on 21st Street and Highway 101.

#### MAY 10

- Dispute was reported on the 400 block of Ivy Street.
- Dispute was reported on the

2100 block of 10th Street.

- DUII was reported on Highway 126, mile marker seven.

#### MAY 12

- Theft was reported on the 900 block of Highway 101.
- Hit-and-run accident was reported on the 4700 block of Highway 101.
- Assault was reported on the 400 block of 9th Street.
- Theft was reported on the 5000 block of Munsel Lake Road.

#### MAY 13

- Dispute was reported on the 5200 block of Highway 101.
- Dispute was reported on Glenada Road.
- Assault was reported on the 400 block of 9th Street.
- Theft was reported on the 1300 block of Highway 101.
- Fight was reported on the 88500 block of Fourth Avenue.

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## High Visibility DUII enforcement this weekend

For the upcoming Memorial weekend, May 22-25, the Florence Police Department will be conducting extra DUII Enforcement patrols.

The Florence Police Department has received additional DUII enforcement funds to help seek out impaired drivers and to deter people from driving while they are impaired.

The Florence Police

Department, along with law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon and the rest of the United States are continually making efforts to get impaired drivers off the road.

These funds are made

available to the city from Oregon Impact, who administers DUII grant funding in Oregon.

For more information, contact the Florence Police Department at (541) 997-3515.

### WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 12	53	48	0.71
May 13	53	47	0.67
May 14	55	47	0.70
May 15	62	41	0.00
May 16	66	49	0.38
May 17	60	48	0.33
May 18	55	49	0.19

Rainfall Week: 2.98"  
Month: 5.63" Year: 38.08"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

**Global Carbon Report**  
Earth System Research Laboratory Global Monitoring Division

February 2020: 413.22 ppm  
February 2019: 410.09 ppm

Last updated: May 5, 2020

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