

Local project, construction update for the week of July 13

Construction of Safe Routes to School and Fillmore stormwater outfall projects continue.

The water line crew has laid approximately 700 feet of new 12-inch water line. This line will replace the existing 10-inch AC water line.

Workers are also installing corporation stops where the new water services to the individual residents will be. Service lines will be constructed at a later date.

The crew hit a couple of the existing water services and a buried telephone line, which caused some inconveniences for a few residents, but the Cottage Grove Public Works crew and Century Link restored water and phone service.

More water line construction is planned for the of July 20, which will be continuing north on South Fourth Street and Fillmore Avenue around Triangle Park.

Wildish Construction's storm drainage



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crew proceeded east across Lincoln Middle School's field by laying approximately 400 feet of the new 27-inch storm drainage line, which is replacing an 18-inch line.

Crews also finish the

access road into and around the water quality swale.

A subcontractor began placing specialized media/soil to help treat the storm water before it enters the Coast Fork of the Willamette River.

Storm drainage line installation will continue as well. It is anticipated the crew will be crossing South Fourth Street July 21 or 22 and proceeding down Fillmore Avenue to South Seventh Street.

Street excavation has

been completed around Triangle Park, the bus barn entrance and the intersection of Grant Avenue and South Fourth Street.

The street excavation crew will start laying a new 10-inch sani-

tary sewer main in the coming week. They will start at Fillmore Avenue and proceed south on South Fourth Street to Grant Avenue. This new line will replace an old 8-inch main.

New sanitary sewer services will be installed at a later date after the new line passes the required testing.

Also, two trees were scheduled to be removed at Lincoln Middle School.

Northwest Natural Gas will continue to be working on completing their relocation work on South Fourth Street and will be moving to Taylor Avenue and South Eighth Street once this section is completed.

If there are concerns, questions and/or complaints, please contact Zach Ireland or Ron Bradsby at 541-942-3349.

New grants being offered for small Lane County businesses owners

Lane County and Community Lending Works (CLW), in partnership with the cities of Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Florence, Lowell, Springfield, and Veneta, have been awarded \$225,000 from Business Oregon to be provided as grants

to eligible businesses. The cities of Lowell, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence, and Veneta have contributed approximately \$60,000 in additional funds, making almost \$285,000 available. Earlier funding provided by Lane County

and the partner cities was used to demonstrate matching funds in order to increase the overall amount of Business Oregon's award.

"Businesses in Lane County continue to struggle against the effects of COVID-19, including a sharp decline

in customers and restricted operations," said Lane County's Community & Economic Development Manager Austin Ramirez. "These grants are intended to help bridge part of that gap for small businesses."

Eligible businesses include those with 25 or fewer employees (including sole proprietors and business owners with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers), and only those that have been unable to receive federal CARES Act funding, including

the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance program, or other federal programs for emergency pandemic funding to date.

These grants will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 to support businesses directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amount awarded will be based on a formula from the State that accounts for employment size and COVID-19-related impacts. Business-

es must use the proceeds for business-related operating expenses.

To be considered for funding, eligible businesses must go to <https://communitylendingworks.org/emergency-grants/> and submit the registration form.

Eligible businesses that pre-registered will be entered into a random lottery and selected until funding runs out.

Community Lending Works will then work with the selected businesses to complete the full application.

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