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Road work is slated on Hayter Street near Maple Drive, one of the local streets on the list for repair for 2017.

Dallas looks at street repairs in new light

Garus: Bond would be needed to address issues of all roads in Dallas

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DALLAS — The Dallas Public Works Committee recommended four sections of streets for maintenance this summer, but may change what types of streets are prioritized for repair in future years.

City Manager Ron Foggin said for several years, the city's policy was to focus money on the streets with the heaviest use and those serving the town's business districts.

This year, the city's budget committee approved including \$50,000 to repair local streets, in response to voters rejecting a \$10 million bond to repair the residential streets.

A 2014 engineering assessment estimated the city has a \$15 million backlog of deferred maintenance on its 57 miles of streets.

Committee Chairman Micky Garus asked city employees to study how many years the city could ignore those higher-use streets — called arterials and collectors — and focus on fixing neighborhood streets.

Under construction

- Street repair projects proposed for 2017-18
1. Southeast Maple Street from Main Street to Uglov Avenue: \$131,150.
 2. Northwest Denton Avenue from Jasper Street to Tilgner Lane: \$56,900.
 3. Southeast Greenbriar Avenue and Green Briar Court (local) from LaCreole Drive to Cynthian Drive: \$35,575.
 4. Main Street, Southwest Birch Street and Hayter Street (local) from Maple Drive to Oakdale Avenue: \$124,250.
- Total: \$347,875.

He said the strategy is in part to answer complaints from city residents that their streets are in bad condition, and a way to sell a bond to voters.

He asked how low the busiest streets could fall on the pavement condition index, a measure of street quality, before the cost of repair grows to an unacceptable level.

"I want to know what number are we willing to live with that is still spending our dollars smartly, but diverting as much as possible onto the residential side," Garus said. "Just say our arterials and collectors were at 70 percent, if we ignored them for three or four years, how quickly would they deteriorate?"

Public Works Director

Frank Anderson said streets degrade between 1 and 2 percent a year, depending on use, but added there's a gamble in that approach.

Anderson said with the city spending between \$300,000 and \$350,000 on maintenance, and 57 miles of street to take care of, repairs can easily get pushed off for too long.

"By the time you get back to it, it's dropped down to an area where its costs have ballooned a lot," he said. "With the little money that we are using, it's kind of a roll of the dice in a sense, hoping that it doesn't (degrade) that much."

Garus said the city should form a committee to look at funding options again, and find the best way to market a

new plan to voters.

Foggin noted the state Legislature is working on transportation legislation that could send more money to cities.

"We've got to address that \$15 million, and there's no money other than getting some help through a bond," Garus said. "Hopefully the state can help a little bit."

He suggested replacing the policy of focusing on the most-used streets to those in the worst condition.

Foggin said he appreciated the idea behind that, but said that may not be the most cost-efficient approach because it costs money for contractors to move their equipment.

Instead, he said the city staff can research repairs that would make more improvements at a lower cost.

He said streets in the mid-range condition cost more than five times less to repair than those in the worst condition.

Garus said public works employees should research what would give the city the most for its money.

NEWS IN BRIEF

OSU Extension opens food safety hotline

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University Extension Service's food preservation and safety hot line opens on Monday.

The hotline can answer questions like is it safe to bring deviled eggs to the church picnic? How do I preserve Grandma's piccalilli relish? Do I really need to pressure-can green beans?

Callers talk to a Master Food Preservers from Oregon State University Extension at 1-800-354-7319 weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The hotline closes Oct. 13.

Typical hotline questions include where to get pressure-canner gauges tested, whether an old family canning recipe is still safe and what to do if your refrigerator or freezer goes out. Answers are provided by Extension-trained and -certified Master Food Preservers, a volunteer-based program active in 18 Oregon counties.

IPD to increase patrols for DUII

INDEPENDENCE — Independence Police Department officers want to remind motorists that an arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants includes a \$10,000 fine. This can be avoided simply by being prepared to either stay put or have a designated driver.

During the month of June, Independence Police Department officers made six DUII arrests. Four of the arrests were for alcohol and two were for controlled substance impairment.

High visibility enforcement searching for impaired drivers will continue in July in partnership with grant money provided by Oregon Impact. If you see a driver operating in an unsafe manner, do not hesitate to call 911. The Independence Police Department wishes everyone a fun and memorable summer.

Monmouth offers notification system

MONMOUTH — The city of Monmouth, in partnership with Nixle, has implemented a communitywide notification system to alert residents about localized emergency situations and advisories.

Residents may receive three types of messages: alerts, advisory and community. People may sign up for alerts via a cellphone by texting their ZIP code to 888777, or go onto the city's website, follow the links and enter a ZIP there. Following the website will not send texts to a cellphone, but will list any alerts.

For more information: ci.monmouth.or.us.

Fire season starts Monday

PHILOMATH — The Oregon Department of Forestry's West Oregon District declared the start of wildfire season started on Monday.

The district protects private and state forestland in Lincoln County and portions of Polk, Benton and Yamhill counties.

The declaration of fire season imposes certain restrictions on recreational and work activities in forests. Examples include the use of sky lanterns and exploding targets.

Industrial fire precaution levels are set at 1 throughout the district. All industrial forest operators are required to have fire-fighting equipment on site. Restrictions vary by area.

For more information: 541-336-2273.

Also, all Hancock Forest Management Northwest Oregon properties will be closed to all public access until the Oregon Department of Forestry declares fire season terminated.

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Wines of the Valley

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Spend an afternoon at Cubanismo, where the views are breathtaking, the service is warm and the wines are beautiful.

From their Rosado de Pinot Noir to their award-winning 2014

Rumba pinot noir, the tastebuds are in for a treat.

The Rosado is a beautiful wine with a surprising mix of sweet notes while maintaining a dry feel.

"It has luscious strawberries, kiwi, and cantaloupe, depending on your taste," said Dawn Dean, operations and marketing manager. "But it's very dry."

The pinot gris is a delight, with notes of pear and pineapple in the middle — some people taste honeycrisp apple. Everybody has different taste, Dean said, adding that she doesn't like to lead customers with her opinions, but prefers if they experience Cubanismo wines for themselves.

Of course Cubanismo has beautiful pinot noirs, from the lighter 2011 Rumba to the more sophisticated flavors of the 2014.

The winery is hosting events on Aug. 19, 20 and 21 for the Great Amer-

ican Eclipse. The afternoons are available at \$25 for general entry — which includes a commemorative glass and a full flight — or \$40 for the afternoon package, which enters you to win prizes from a magnum to reserve bottles, as well as salsa dancing lessons and food.

On Saturday and Sunday, veterans and active military members are free for general entry. The winery always offers discounts to military and veterans, Dean said, because the owner of Cubanismo believes they should be thankful for those who have done a service to protect the country.

For the big day on Aug. 21, people may camp in the vineyard Sunday night and enjoy the afternoon package, plus stay for breakfast Monday morning, view the eclipse, and continue the party Monday afternoon.

People who choose not to camp may RSVP to Cubanismo to view the eclipse from the vineyard that feels like it sits on top of the world: cubanisimovineyards.com.



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