

Drivers going south to find a better 101

Travelers on Highway 101 south of Seaside will get a smoother, safer ride.

This week, new pavement and centerline rumble strips are being added as part of a larger project between the Dooley Bridge and the Highway 26 junction.

The project started in May with deep repairs of the asphalt and concrete, which were in poor condition.

The paving started June 16. The rumble strips will be installed on the northern section from Dooley Bridge to Beerman Creek Road once the paving is complete. The project includes new permanent striping.

Rumble strips are a cost-effective safety tool that reduces lane-departure crashes, which can result in fatal and serious head-on and run-off crashes.

Both paving and installation of rumble strips are taking place at night. Travelers can expect up to 20 minute delays.

Fourth of July events celebrate Main Street USA

The Columbia Press

“Main Street USA” is the theme of this year’s Fourth of July parade, a fitting tribute to a town that’s worked hard to revitalize downtown and clean up its main drag.

“We just wanted an open theme to see what people come up with,” said Mike Moha, coordinator of Warrenton’s Old-Fashioned Fourth of July events. “We wanted to keep our Fourth of July open and simple, plus recognize that the city’s been doing stuff.”

Applications and more information are available on the city’s website, www.ci.warrenton.or.us.

About 100 entries are expected for the parade, which kicks off at 3 p.m. with a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter fly-over.

“The Fourth of July is our main event every year for the city,” Moha said. “It brings people to town, it’s one of the easiest parades (to walk),

A participant in last year’s Fourth of July parade makes her way down the center of Main Avenue.

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plus there’s the free barbecue, car show, motorcycle show and a kids’ bike decoration station.”

Applications are due by 5 p.m. July 3.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

• **Car show** – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Robinson Community Park, behind City Hall.

• **Motorcycle tailgate party** – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

north end of Robinson Community Park, sponsored by North Coast ABATE.

• **Free Community Barbecue** – Noon to 3 p.m. at the Warrenton Fire Station, sponsored by Warrenton Volunteer Firefighters Association.

• **Bicycle Decoration Station** -- Noon to 3 p.m. in the gravel lot next to the fire station. Volunteers will be standing by to help kids decorate their bikes and assist them for a safe ride in the parade.

• **Parade** – 3 p.m. along Main Avenue from the post office to Ninth Street, ending at Warrenton Grade School.

State to handle CBH contract

The county will transfer oversight of local developmental disability services to the state.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners made the move at the recommendation of the state Department of Human Services, which has suggested smaller counties that contract with outside agencies transfer that role to the state.

The county currently contracts with Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and payment of those services are then passed through to the state.

The change isn’t expected to impact services or funding levels. About 230 clients are served by CBH through

the county contract that ends June 30.

The change is designed to improve communication and oversight to better serve clients as the state’s Office of Developmental Disability Services has a direct contract relationship with CBH provider.

All funding for services currently provided under the Clatsop County/CBH contract – \$1.7 million in the 2017-19 funding biennium – comes from the state.

The county also contracts with CBH for mental health and addiction services. Those agreements are not affected by the developmental disability contracting change.



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