



Hammond basin *Marina dredging carries over to fall*

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City Commissioners extended the deadline for completion of dredging at the Hammond Marina.

With just half the project completed by its contract deadline, city commissioners had little choice but to extend the contract.

“It was a lump-sum bid,” Commissioner Mark Baldwin said. “If we denied it, they’d get paid for doing half the work.”

The marina was last dredged in 2007-08, a task that ideally should be completed every few years. Some of the marina’s slips have become quite shallow, making it impossible for boaters to venture in or out during extreme low tides.

But the project had been delayed as the city of Warrenton negotiated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for ownership of the boat basin. Finally, during a ceremony in September 2019, the title was transferred to Warrenton.

After getting approval to dredge from the state, the city approved a contract with Bergerson Construction in October 2019 to complete the job for \$748,560.

An estimated 72,500 cubic yards of accumulated sediment is to be moved from a 10 1/2-acre section of the marina to a disposal location nearby.

So far, 35,000 to 38,000 cubic yards has been removed from the marina’s entrance channel and east end while the west end is incomplete, Harbormaster Jane Sweet said. The extension allows Bergerson to finish the job in November and December of this year.

Because of its location, the corps allows dredging in Hammond during

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Plans for large housing tract back on track

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Backers of Fort Pointe, one of Warrenton’s largest-ever proposed housing developments, say their project is back on track.

An aerial shot of the Fort Pointe property, with Ridge Road on the left, taken from a 2018 for sale listing.

Below: The planned community of Seabrook, Wash., from a promotional website.

“Three years ago, yes, we did consider selling it,” Mark Tolley, a principal of the company that owns the land, told Warrenton Planning Commissioners. “Frankly, the market is much, much better today.”

Fort Pointe was approved in December 2017 for up to 480 houses and apartments off Ridge Road between the KOA campground and

the city’s soccer fields.

In 2018 and 2019, the 277-acre parcel was listed for sale by Tolley’s company.

Late last week, its owners returned to the Planning Commission seeking and obtaining confirmation of the approval so it can begin developing the project.

This time, 169 single-family
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Car museum’s loss is auto technology program’s gain

Oregon car enthusiasts lost a treasure last spring when the World of Speed Motorsport Museum in Wilsonville closed its doors, a victim of the pandemic.

The museum’s board of directors chose to leave a legacy by giving its assets to 51 schools and nonprofit groups across the state. Clatsop Community College is a fortunate recipient.

CCC will split the cash funds with Clackamas Community College, each receiving \$375,000 to benefit automotive technology programs.

The two colleges will use their portions of the donation for student scholarships in the automotive programs. These scholarships will help pay for tuition, tools for employment, and internships for students seeking career development and technical training.

“This will open up more opportunities for students who want to get into an industry that not only is hurting for skilled workers, but is an essential part of everyday life, especially in the midst of our current situation,”

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Courtesy CCC

A student in Clatsop Community College’s automotive technology program gets some help from an instructor.