Business and development tidbits

HIGHWAY 101 WORK

What's Oregon Department of Transportation doing on Highway 101 in Warrenton?

The orange cones and traffic disruptions have been hard to miss by anyone who does much driving through town.

The work is part of a longplanned \$4.6 million improvement project that runs from Youngs Bay Bridge to Neptune Drive (Fred Meyer).

Already crews have replaced guardrails on the

bridge causeway. Beginning Sunday night, a three-week bridge closure Sundays through Thursdays between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. will facilitate other work.

Highway 101 will be resurfaced and restored and crews will put in upgraded traffic signs, apply new stripes, replace signal sensors, make the area handicapped accessible, and replace the traffic signal at the intersection near the Fred Meyer gas pumps.

NEED COMMERCIAL LAND?

Speaking of Fred Meyer, the Port of Astoria may sell a large parcel of land across Highway 101 from the grocery outlet.

At Tuesday afternoon's port commission meeting, members agreed to put the item on a future agenda after receiving a recommendation from its finance committee to sell the land.

The 11.56 acres is zoned commercial-industrial and has a real market value of \$3.27 million, according to the Clatsop County Assessor's Office.

BOAT REPAIR OPENS

A new boat maintenance shop is set to open at the Hammond Marina.

Joshua Massett, a licensed and bonded marine mechanic, plans to

open July 1. Massett has more than 20 years of experience in the industry.



"I wanted to solve the biggest problem in boat maintenance: everyone is waiting," Massett said. "Folks are ready to go boating, fishing, crabbing and waterskiing, and they don't want to wait weeks or months for an appointment. So I decided to stick to maintenance only. allowing me to keep a steady flowing shop that serves every guest quickly."

He'll accept a limited number of boats for service during the 2022-23 season.

To reach Massett or set up an appointment, call 206-537-3227.

KLASKANINE RIVER BRIDGE

Traffic on Youngs River Road will be detoured beginning June 27 when Clatsop County Public Works launches an upgrade of the Klaskanine River Bridge.

The 66-year-old bridge is on Highway 202 near the salmon hatchery. It will be demolished and replaced with a new structure. The project is expected to be finished in summer 2023.

The age and condition of the existing bridge, which has a wooden substructure, made full replacement the most cost-effective option, according to the county. The new bridge will be concrete and cost \$2.54 million.

Area traffic will be able to use Olnev Lane cut-off as an alternate connection between Youngs River Road and Highway 202.

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