

# Holladay Drive: 'a big construction site for six or seven months'

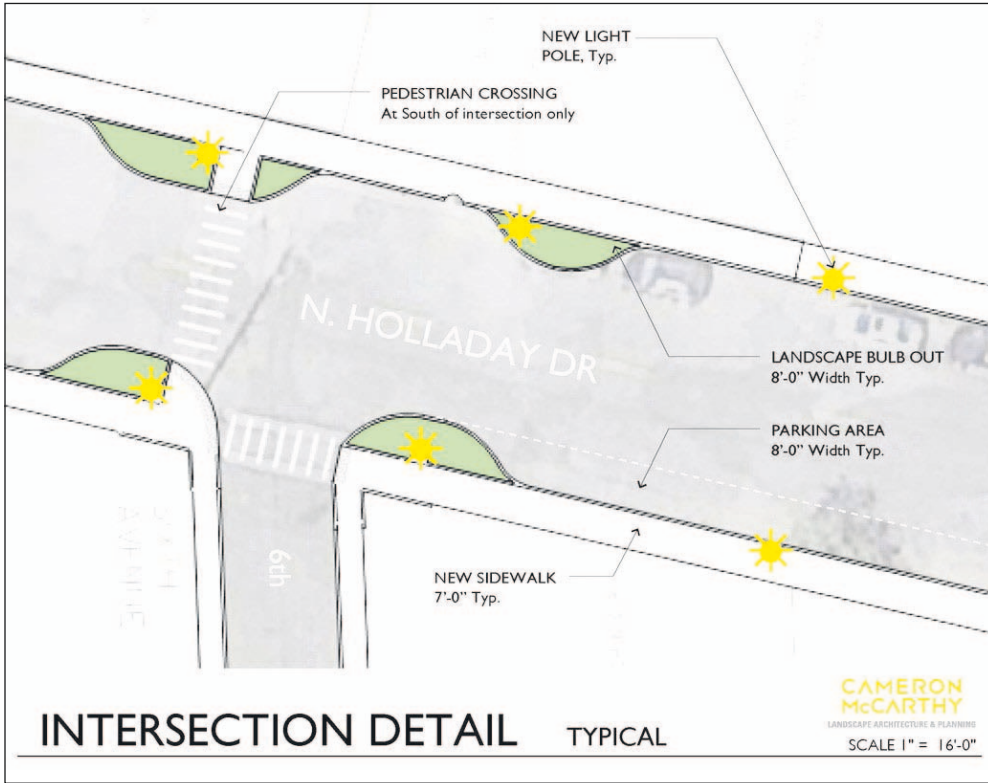
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"Sixth to 12th is the main project, and Second to Sixth is the bid alternate. If the numbers are good, we'll do the whole thing," Wallace said.

If the city puts the project out to bid as a whole and the bids came in so high as to make it financially unfeasible, they would have to start over and it would delay the entire process, Wallace said. The city has a limited window of time to do the project, because of its breadth and impact.

"We need to get committed to construction in October, after the summer crush is done and things calm down, but early enough that we have an extended period," Wallace said. Come Memorial Day, he added, the roadway and sidewalks need to be open to traffic.

By putting both portions out to bid at the same time, he said, "if the totals are good, bang! We're ready to go." If not, then at least the city will not be delayed in tackling the road from Sixth Avenue to 12th Avenue.



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**Cameron McCarthy, a landscape architecture and planning company, has designed the streetscape for Seaside's large-scale North Holladay Drive improvement project, which will break ground this October and last several months.**

The North Holladay Drive project is being done as an alternative to a proposed project to install a new bridge at

Avenue U, which was the top priority of the Seaside Improvement Commission, also called the Seaside Urban Re-

newal Agency. The numbers on the bridge came in "staggeringly high," Wallace said. The city did not have enough

money to do it and there wasn't any outside funding source, like the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"We would have tapped ourselves out, and nobody wanted to go there," Wallace said.

The commission then started considering its second highest priority, which was to rebuild North Holladay Drive.

"North Holladay has been a project people have been interested in for a long time and for obvious reasons," Wallace said.

Construction will take a while. Initially, the city will focus on laying utilities, from the deepest to the most shallow, until all the utilities are installed, Winstanley said. The electrical portion of the project will be very expensive, Wallace said, because the power lines will go underground instead of being aerial lines.

Water, sewer and storm are Seaside's public utilities. Pacific Power is designing the power layout, although the city will pay to install it. Charter Cable and Centu-

ryLink will be involved, as well, but "their designs are very modest, compared to the power," Wallace said.

Cameron McCarthy, a landscape architecture and planning company, is crafting the streetscape design and improvements.

While doing the project block-by-block might be more convenient for the public, it would slow down the process and increase the cost, Wallace said.

"It's definitely going to be a big construction site for six or seven months," he said. "There is no way around it. We try to work hard with the people and not leave too much open."

Residents should have access in and out of their driveways in the morning and evening, as well as during the day for the most part, unless crews are working right in front of a person's house or business. Nevertheless, it will be noisy and there will be debris and holes.

"It is what it is," Wallace said. "But by next spring, it will be wonderful,"

## More than 1,300 teams registered for the world's largest volleyball tourney

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Seaside Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page, they were able to raise about \$845 between 28 donors, as of Monday. The funds were enough to purchase the plane ticket Camacho needed, and his attendance was confirmed a few weeks ago.

For Onishchenko, who is working to become a professional player, the first year he played in Seaside was the same year he started playing beach volleyball.

"When I was at that tournament, I got so drawn into the sport," he said. "It doesn't get much better than being at a beach on the sand in warm weather playing a very active sport. The volleyball community is very close and friendly."



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**Competitors at the 2014 event.**



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**Thousands of people flock to Seaside each summer for the annual Seaside Beach Volleyball Tournament.**

The annual volleyball event is hosted by the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bud Light.

As of Monday, more than 1,300 teams of two had reg-

istered for the tournament, which began in 1982 and is now the largest beach volleyball tournament in the world. That number does not include the teams for the quad

and sixes divisions, who have to register at the event. The tournament showcases a diversity of divisions and age groups, from 12-year-olds to senior citizens.

The youth divisions in particular have seen substantial growth in registration over the years, Chamber of Commerce Director Susan Huntington said. Beach volleyball became an emerging National Collegiate Athletic Association sport for women in 2009. Since then, with the inclusion of all three collegiate divisions, the sport has advanced to become a full-fledged NCAA championship starting in spring 2016. Many colleges nationwide are now giving scholarships for beach volleyball, and Huntington said she believes that has helped increase participation in the junior divisions.

Prizes vary depending on the division; some winning teams receive prize money, while others receive prizes from event sponsors.

The tournament, which takes place throughout more than 100 courts, can be viewed for free by the public. It runs daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Doubles play starts Friday, Aug. 7, for all divisions except co-ed open and advanced parent/child. After pool play is concluded, division games will be posted on bracket boards. On Saturday, Aug. 8, non-eliminated doubles teams will continue and co-ed open play will begin. All four-player and six-player teams will compete Sunday, Aug. 9.

This year, the tournament will have more vendors than ever, Huntington said, offering food, T-shirts, volleyball gear and more. For more information, visit [www.seasidebeachvolleyball.com](http://www.seasidebeachvolleyball.com) or call 503-738-6391.

## Playing safe at the beach

### Be beach smart. Even though the beach is fun, you need to play safe.

The Oregon Coast is a great place to visit. Whether you are looking for seashells, building sand castles, or exploring tide pools, the beach can be a lot of fun.

Remember, the ocean has dangerous waves, logs, rocks and cliffs. Talk to your family and friends about how to play safe on the beach.

### Beware of rip currents

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They can form on any beach that has breaking waves. If you look closely, you can see a rip current. It will have dark muddy water and be very choppy. You might see foam and other debris floating out to sea. If you see a rip current, stay away! They are very dangerous.

If you are ever caught in a rip current, don't panic. Try to relax and swim parallel to the beach. Don't try to fight the current. If you have trouble swimming, tread water and call for help.

Parents: Be sure always to watch your children closely when they are playing in and around water.

### Don't climb on drift logs

Logs on wet sand or in the water are especially dangerous. The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. If you see a log on wet sand, stay off of it.

### Be aware of incoming tides

Tide pools can be so interesting that you might lose track of time. Make sure you know when the tide is coming in so that you don't get stranded. Free tide tables, available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels, list the times of high and low tides.

### Be careful on cliffs and rocks

Ocean spray and heavy rains can make rocks and trails slippery and unsafe. Stay on marked trails and behind all fences. They are there for your safety. When hiking, make sure you wear the right type of shoes. Stay away from cliff edges. Don't stand under overhanging cliffs, which can be dangerous.

### Beware of sneaker waves

Watch out for "sneaker waves." These are waves that appear suddenly and are unusually large. They rush up on the shore with enough force to knock you down and drag you out to sea. Keep your eyes on the ocean.

### Understanding tsunamis

There are two types of tsunami warnings that you need to be aware of: a distant event and a local event.

With a distant event, you will be alerted by sirens located throughout the city. Proceed by foot and follow the posted evacuation route signs to higher ground.

With a local event, you will feel a powerful earthquake. Take immediate cover until the earthquake subsides, and then go immediately to higher ground by foot using the posted evacuation routes.



### Know who to call when you need help. In an emergency, call 911.

- **Providence Seaside Hospital**  
725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside, OR 97138  
503-717-7000
- **Providence Medical Group-Seaside**  
with walk-in availability  
727 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside, OR 97138
- **Providence Medical Group-Cannon Beach**  
with walk-in availability  
171 N. Larch, Suite 16, Cannon Beach, OR 97110
- **Providence Medical Group-Warrenton**  
with walk-in availability  
171 S. Highway 101, Warrenton, OR 97146

For Providence Medical Group appointments or to check walk-in availability, call 503-717-7556.

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