

# New Starbucks coming to Seaside

## Opening date to be determined

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For Seaside Signal

A new Starbucks coffee shop is coming to town.

The business is slated for a site along U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside, which could result in minor changes to infrastructure, traffic patterns and the aesthetics in the area.

Plans for the project — an approximately 1,950-square-foot, single-story building with a drive-thru — are in the works. The building permit application is under review by the city, according to Dustin Johnson, an associate architect with CIDA, the Portland-based firm designing the building for developer Bret Fox.

The defunct NAPA Auto Parts building sitting on the site at 420 S. Roosevelt Dr. was demolished this month.

The plan is to begin construction on the new Starbucks building in May or early June, with doors opening by the end of October or beginning of November, Johnson said.

The coffee shop is being established using a “build-to-suit” arrangement, which is typical for many commercial and retail businesses, said Fox, owner of Fox Terra Commercial Real Estate and Development of Medford.

## Planning Commission review

For all proposed developments within 200 feet of Highway 101 that will cause a significant number of new vehicle trips, the Planning Commission does a site review to ensure the developments address certain standards and criteria regarding building size, landscaping, exterior lighting and off-street parking. At its meeting in December, the commission discussed the project team’s land-use application for a permit to build the new Starbucks in the highway overlay zone.

City Planning Director Kevin Cupples presented a staff report reviewing the request, decision criteria and proposed conditions for approval. During a public hearing on the matter, Seth King, a land-use attorney from Port-



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The former NAPA Auto Parts building on Roosevelt Drive was demolished last week to make way for a new Starbucks coffee shop, which is intended to be operational by the end of the year.

land, offered testimony in favor of the request, according to minutes from the meeting.

A traffic impact analysis prepared by Kittleston & Associates, who consulted with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the city, reported the site will generate an estimated 166 new week-

day vehicle trips. The traffic engineers considered background conditions in conjunction with the new traffic likely to be generated and found “all the intersections would operate acceptably under existing and future conditions.” The drive-through lane will have a southbound exit onto the

highway. A full access also will be provided onto Irvine Place, the street running behind Pizza Hut.

The project team has since submitted plans and received approval from ODOT to restripe a portion of the highway to extend and improve the left turn or stacking area

for both Avenue C and Avenue D. This will limit queuing on the highway when the shop is operational. Restriping will take place during construction of the building.

In December, the commissioners voted to conditionally approve the new Starbucks coffee shop and drive-thru.

# Broom-buster month on the Coast

May is “Broom-Buster Month” on the Oregon Coast. Each May staff and volunteers with North Coast Land Conservancy focus on removing invasive Scotch broom from their properties and they encourage other property owners to do the same. The primary tool is loppers, cutting mature Scotch broom at or below ground level, where the stem is brown and not green, will kill the plant, and it won’t re-sprout. Digging out mature plants may actually encourage the growth of even more broom seedlings.

On Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will be busting broom at the conservancy’s Thompson

Creek and Stanley March Habitat Reserve in Seaside. These 80 acres of creek and wetland are one of the land conservancy’s most visible success stories, with beavers actively building dams throughout the property.

On Wednesday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., conservancy volunteers will be busting broom at Surf Pines Prairie in Warrenton, which NCLC manages for habitat conservation. Contact conservancy stewardship director Melissa Reich to volunteer at 503-738-9126 or melissar@nclctrust.org.

For more broom busting, join Wednesday Weed Warri-



Volunteer Jeff Roehm uses loppers to snip a Scotch broom stem at North Coast Land Conservancy’s Reed Ranch Habitat Reserve in May 2016.  
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oers every Wednesday through September. Volunteers help the stewardship crew tackle projects on land conservancy properties. All are welcome to

help Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or for as much time as you can spare. For details, visit [NCLCtrust.org/weed-warrior-Wednesdays](http://NCLCtrust.org/weed-warrior-Wednesdays).

## River Inn is ‘hotel of the year’

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Managing Director Masudur Khan was honored before 6,500 attendees of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association. The AAHOA award ranks among the most prestigious national awards for excellent service and guest satisfaction in the hotel industry. Each year the AAHOA board of directors and executive committee carefully review the candidate amongst hundreds of nominations to present award at the world’s largest hotel conference and trade show.

## ‘Write on Seaside’ at convention center May 11

Join the Seaside Public Library Foundation as we present a fundraiser with local authors in a fun, round-robin writing extravaganza, writing against the clock to complete a quick finish story. Bid on becoming a character, insert a pet’s name, or even request a plot twist. Enter a silent auction featuring gifts including books. The event will take place at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center on Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. Authors will be available for book signings. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit [www.seasidelibrary.org](http://www.seasidelibrary.org).

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