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Work at the high school and middle school site on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Home stretch

School district sees 'substantial completion' by July 27

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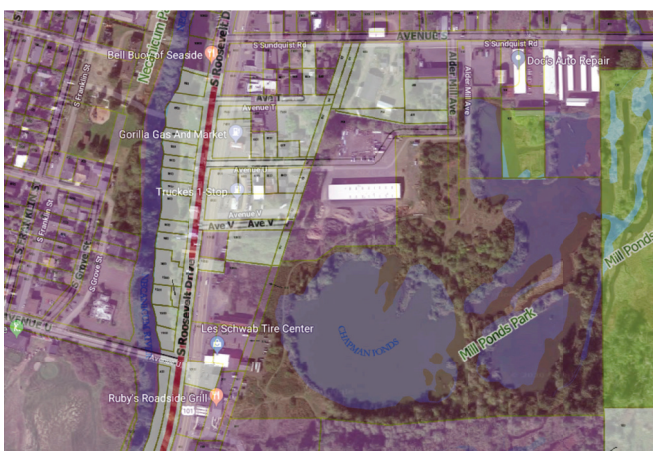
Mark your calendar: the Seaside School District expects "substantial completion" of its \$123 million construction project in the South East Hills by the end of July.

As winter weather descended with a flurry, members of the district's Construction Citizen Oversight Committee walked construction areas at The Heights and on the hill

above, where the high school and middle school building project is moving into its final stages.

The school district will see "substantial completion" by July 27, project manager Jim Henry said at the meeting. "That means the building is substantially done and we can get occupancy. That's also the date where all the warranties kick in — start or expire in years down the road."

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City of Seaside
Properties along South Roosevelt Drive/U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside identified in gray, to be annexed by the city.

City to annex 45 properties

Properties from Avenue U to Avenue S to receive city services

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A "checkerboard" is how city officials explained annexation of 45 properties in south Seaside from the south corner of Avenue U to the north corner of Avenue S on South Roosevelt Drive.

Ordinance 2020-01 would allow for annexation of properties currently under county jurisdiction.

The ordinance calls for annexation of property zoned general commercial and industrial from Bell Buoy to Avenue U in accordance with the zones established under the city's comprehensive plan and statutes.

"Properties in that area are currently not in the city of Seaside," City Manager Mark Winstanley told council members before the City

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Photos by R.J. Marx
Volunteer of the Year Will Witt with Patta Lovwatcharasophon of Thai Me Up and her husband Kim via cellphone from their restaurant.

CHAMBER HONORS SEASIDE'S BEST BUSINESSES, TOP VOLUNTEERS

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Superheroes and mere mortals arrived at the Bob Chisholm Center on Avenue A in Seaside for the 36th Annual Chamber of Commerce awards event Thursday night, Jan. 16.

Along with chamber members and prospective members, the evening hosted the mayor, city councilors and friends and family from throughout the North Coast. Chamber staff and volunteers donned "superhero" capes in keeping with this year's theme, as Bruce Smith deejayed appropriate musical fanfare.

"It's a fun atmosphere here," chamber CEO Brian Owen said before the event. "We've created the superheroes of Seaside theme and I think people really respond to that. We all do something spectacular for our community every day and today we are going to celebrate."

Award-winners included established businesses and newer entries alike. The Times Theatre & Public House won the chamber's rising star new business award, honoring a culture of risk-taking positioned for success in the future.

Volunteer of the year award, recognizing an individual community leader who has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the Seaside community and inspired others by their volunteer commitment, was delivered to Will Witt of Salon on Broadway.

Tonquin Trading won retail excellence.

The Seaside Civic and Convention Center won the community impact award, for the business, nonprofit or service organization with "the greatest



Eric Saucedo and Kerri Lambert of Times Theatre & Public House accept the Rising Star New Business award from Brian Owen.



Ken Heman served as master of ceremonies for the chamber awards dinner.



Chamber CEO Brian Owen and chamber board president Bob Perkel.

positive impact on Seaside." The legacy award, honoring members of community and family who have been part of the chamber and community for at least 10 years, was awarded to Karen Emmerling of Beach Books.

Business of the year honors went to Kegan Michael French and Will Witt of Salon on Broadway for setting an example in the community for their "commitment overall to best business practice, customer service and employee relations."

Runners-up included Dough Bakery and The Sweet Shop.

Last year's Byron Award winner Ruth Swenson announced this year's winner for outstanding community service, presented to the person who has volunteered time and service to the betterment of the city.

The award, named in honor of volunteer Byron Meek, went to Gini Dideum of the Beach Drive Buccaneers, a group spearheading beach cleanups for more than 15 years.

Hood to Coast celebrates 'best' relay since inception

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Hood to Coast's Director of Operations Ross Hubber called the 2019 Hood to Coast Relay "the best Hood to Coast since we started." The 200-mile relay from Mount Hood to the Prom brought 1,050 teams of 12 runners and 3,600 volun-

teers. Teams celebrated the finish with food, a beer garden, music and awards.

In its 38th year, the iconic team relay from Mount Hood to Seaside's Prom has drawn thousands of runners and raised millions of dollars for health care.

The city of Seaside was the beneficiary at the Jan. 13 council meeting as Hubber delivered a check for \$26,250. The funds are the city's portion of an annual fee specified in a five-year contract signed in 2018, starting

at \$25,000 and increasing 5% a year through 2022, when Hood to Coast will pay the city more than \$30,000.

An estimated 50,000 visitors came to Seaside for the event in August.

Hubber offered the city a "huge thank you to everybody in Seaside and every community we passed through over the 200 miles."

In 2020, organizers plan no major changes, he added.

Councilor Tita Montero complimented the organization for improvements in

this year's race management, but did take Hood to Coast to task for failing to promote or advertise a complaint number. "People need to feel they have some place to register a complaint if something happens that shouldn't happen."

Council President Randy Frank said the Hood to Coast organization had done a really good job of addressing the concerns of the town. "It's just gotten better," Frank said.

This year's run takes place Aug. 28 and Aug. 29.



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Seaside City Council President Randy Frank and Ross Hubber, vice president of operations for Hood to Coast, delivers a check to the city for \$26,250.

