



City of Rockaway Beach 2023 Summer Newsletter



City Hall

Closures:

Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day, & Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

Fire Depart:



EMT class is complete, Rockaway Beach hosted an EMT

class in cooperation with Tillamook Bay Community College. 20 Students representing all 7 Fire Departments of Tillamook County completed the class. Students are currently in the process of completing National Testing to become EMT's.

Training continues to be a priority of the Fire Department. This summer the crews are focusing on structure fire suppression techniques, water rescues, EMS, Extrication, and Wildland Firefighting.

The Fire Department is still recruiting volunteers. If you would like a challenge and make a positive impact in your community, please come down to the fire hall and visit Chief Hesse.



We do more than fight fires. The Department responds to Rescues, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Emergency Medical Calls, Fire Alarms, Public assists, and Wildland fires. We also perform Public Education, and special events

such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Activities, Trunk or Treat, Open House, and Santa at the Station. We have something for everyone.

Burn ban- Tillamook County will be entering into a County-wide Burn Ban beginning July 15th, 2023. Burn Barrels and open pile burning is not allowed after July 15th. Fire pits will still be allowed with a valid permit. If you do not have a Fire pit permit and would like one, please go to the city website or stop by city hall and pick up a blank copy, fill out the form and submit it to the fire department for a site inspection and approval. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Hesse at thesse@corb.us.

Preparedness:

The Preparedness group is working hard with training this summer. Classes in water purification, Pet First Aid, Foraging and Local Wild Edibles, and Incident Command are on the agenda. The group will also be participating in community events to provide education in the event of natural or man-made disaster. Subjects include floods, power outages, fires, earthquakes, and winter storms. Volunteers are still being recruited, so if you are looking for a challenge and want to give back to your community, please contact a member of the team or stop by the firehall.



Public Works:

In the past few months, the Public Works department has been actively engaged in various projects to maintain and improve the city's infrastructure. Here is a summary of the recent activities:

1. Oregon Coast Scenic Railway (OCSR) Project: In the second week of April, OCSR worked on N 1st St. by removing old railroad ties and installing new ones. Public Works provided support by loaning our excavator to OCSR to assist in completing the job.



2. Road Improvement by Bayview Asphalt: Two weeks later, Rockaway Beach hired Bayview Asphalt to tie the existing asphalt on the road to the new railroad crossing installed by OCSR. The finished work was commendable, and the city was pleased with the outcome.

3. Pressure-Reducing-Valve (PRV) Installation: Public Works purchased a PRV, which was installed at South 2nd Ave & Grayling. This installation aimed to enhance the water system's resilience and regulate pressure to prevent over-pressurization of water lines, reducing the risk of breaks. Advanced Excavation partnered with Public Works to perform the primary installation, and the road was restored to its original condition.

4. Booster Station on Scenic View Drive: Public Works has a plan to install a new booster station on Scenic View Drive. This station will increase water pressure for residents

living uphill and accommodate the development of new homes in the area.

5. Playground Upgrades: In the second week of May, Public Works laid down new wood chips in the playground area at the wayside. Any remaining wood chips were taken to Phyllis-Baker Park for use in the playground area. A generous donation from Peter and his family facilitated the purchase of these new engineered wood chips.

6. Maintenance and Mowing: With the arrival of better weather, Public Works took advantage of the opportunity to address the maintenance needs of the city. Mowing became a priority after a long and wet spring season.

7. Consumer Confidence Report:



Public Works informs water customers that the Consumer Confidence

Report for the year 2022 is now available on the city's website. This report, required by the Safe Water Drinking Act (SWDA), includes water sampling information from the past year, as well as EPA-regulated information about the quality of the water.

These efforts demonstrate Public Works' dedication to ensuring the smooth operation and development of the city's infrastructure and utilities.

Message from the Mayor:

We welcome tourists to our humble yet awesome community to enjoy our beach, shops, and restaurants. With this comes increased traffic; and we are starting to see the traffic getting backed up in the downtown area. Please drive, walk and bicycle safely... remain vigilant at crosswalks and on the roadways. Please stay safe!



Public Works is working with the School District to repaint the tennis court behind the District Office and add a pickle ball court overlay. This is a long-standing partnership with the district that lapsed, and, thanks to City Manager Shepard, the city has gotten re-engaged with the School District. New agreement pending.

I want to welcome Mitch Leipzig (Plant Operator), Mary Johnson (City Planner) and Melissa Thompson-Kiefer (City Recorder) to Rockaway Beach's staff. They join us with exceptional backgrounds, experience, and training. And Kudos to city leadership for attracting such stellar talent to our community. I will also mention that Chief Hesse has an opening for a Fire Captain.

City Manager Shepard and I held our first monthly Coffee with Manager and Mayor aka What's "On Your Mind"? We had nine residents attend and a wide-ranging discussion of issues. You can find a list of the issues discussed on the city website under Council documents for the June City Council meeting. Our next Coffee with the City Manager and Mayor is Thursday, June 22nd. We hope to see you there.

During the election campaign last fall I promised community engagement, Town Halls and State of the City addresses. I will continue to deliver on my commitments at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm. Please spread the word that I will look back at the last 12 months and a glimpse into the next six months. After months of community and stakeholder engagement Jon-Paul Bowles will reveal the possible design solutions for bringing the Salmonberry Trail through Rockaway Beach and capture your feedback on each of the designs.

Let us as a community continue to work collaboratively and move forward to dream and chart the glory days ahead.

Reminders:

USE OF FIREWORKS

ORD 90.2 (F) Use of fireworks. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge fireworks within the City of Rockaway Beach.
Adopted January 11, 1995

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH
TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2023
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
ROCKAWAY BEACH CITY HALL

Burn Ban-

July 15, 2023, no burn barrels/open pile burning. Valid permitted fire pits are allowed. If you have any question, contact Chief Hesse at thesse@corb.us.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



A PATH FOR ROCKAWAY BEACH.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

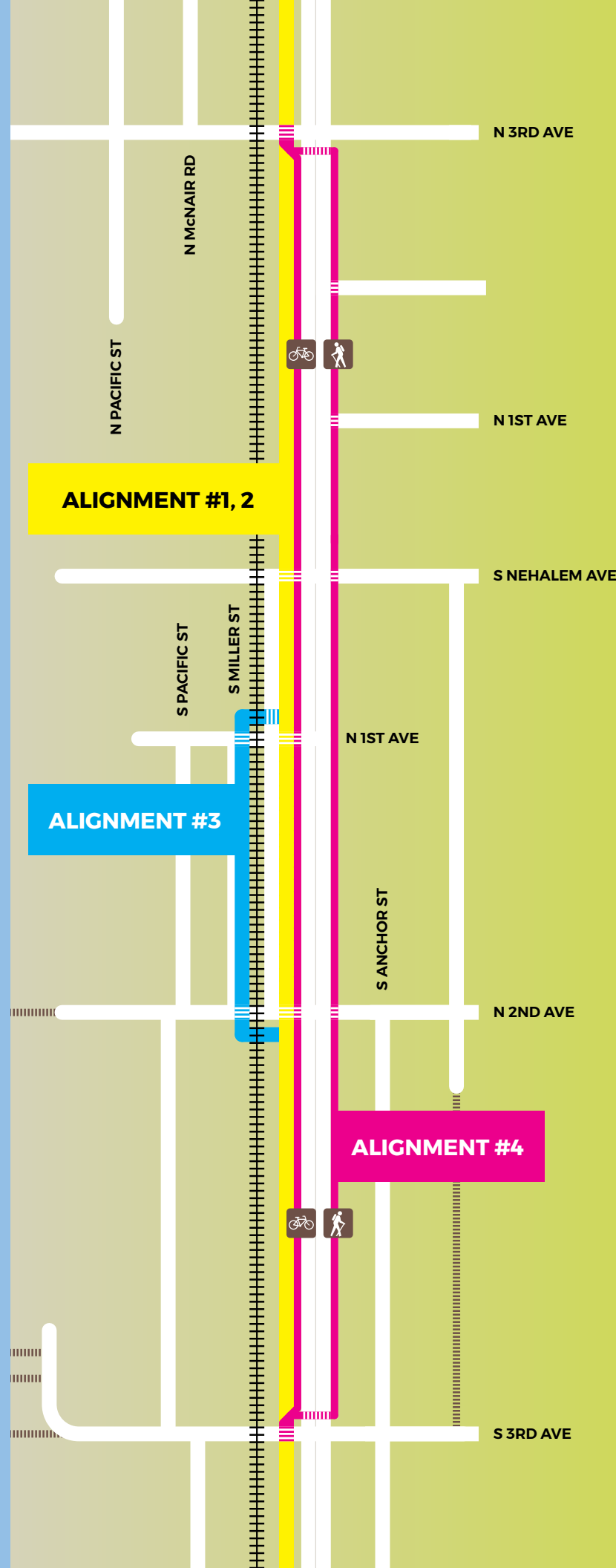
Share your thoughts about the proposed pedestrian and cycling path in Rockaway Beach - help design a future that serves the community first.

The City of Rockaway Beach was awarded funding for the design of a cycling and pedestrian path from Washington Street to Neah-Kah-Nie High and Middle Schools. The design phase is expected to begin late 2024. Construction could begin as soon as 2025.

The path is intended to create connectivity within Rockaway Beach, reduce vehicle congestion, and provide a safe route to Neah-Kah-Nie schools.

SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR THREE DIFFERENT WAYS TO PARTICIPATE.

A section of the future Salmonberry Trail, Oregon Coast Trail, and Oregon Coast Scenic Bike Route



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1.

ATTEND THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:

**ROCKAWAY BEACH CITY HALL
JULY 19, 2023, 6-9PM**

2.

TAKE THE SURVEY:

(for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to The Rockaway Roastery)



Scan this QR code to be directed to our online survey—let us know what you think!

3.

EMAIL US:

COMMUNITYPATH@DESTINATIONMANAGEMENTADVISORS.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP VISIT:

CORB.US/SALMONBERRY-TRAIL-PROJECT

