

# City Project Updates

We know that Rhododendron Drive is a massive project that has been given considerable attention in various formats (social media weekly updates, City monthly newsletters and updates at City Council meetings), but the City has a number of other projects in the works. We thought that we could take this time to update you on three of the most visible, or soon to be most visible projects. You can find a complete list of City Projects on the [City's Website](#).



## Greentrees West Water Service Modification Project - <https://bit.ly/3vUXtjo>

Construction is well under way for this much needed update to Greentrees water service. The original master water meter has been in use since it was first installed in the 1970s. As water meters age, they lose accuracy, under register the amount of water used and become more prone to maintenance issues. After 50 years of service, it was time for an upgrade. The City's Contractor Ray Wells started work after the 4th of July holiday weekend. First step was clearing trees that were in the way of the new meter vault's location. Once the site was cleared, and before the old meter was removed, Public Works crews bypassed the old meter location to ensure that Greentrees West had ample water supplies for both domestic use and fire protection. The new 8' x 10' water meter vault and meter assembly, including a new backflow prevention device, was installed the following week. Crews will continue to install the 8-inch water line and get everything ready to place this new water meter in operation. Once all of the piping and fittings have been pressure tested, disinfected and testing is completed, City crews will return to remove the bypass and place this new meter in service. As of press time, this project was just wrapping up and should already be completed by the end of July. The City would like to extend our thanks to everyone for their patience as we added another congestion point along Rhododendron Drive.

## Rolling Dunes Park Improvement Project- <https://bit.ly/RollingDunesExpansion>

The long-awaited Rolling Dunes Tennis/Pickleball Court Expansion and Improvement Project is about to begin! Ground breaking for this project will take place in August and we will start to see some serious movement on the expansion of the tennis/pickleball courts at Rolling Dunes Park. The project also includes the replacement of the picnic shelter and restroom facility. City Parks staff has already removed and placed into storage the carvings that were on the old picnic shelter. Don't worry, these carvings will be placed back in the park once all the construction is done.

Public Works and our contractor will try their best to allow play to continue on the existing courts for as long as possible, but there will have to be some disturbances. For instance, the east fence will need to be removed and the contractor will need to saw cut the existing eastern edge of the court in order to have a square surface to match to. The contractor will be using heavy equipment to remove duff and trees within the new court area. They will also be bringing in some additional fill material so that the new court will be at the same level as the existing courts. Once the new court is in place, a specialty tennis/pickleball court surfacing company will be brought in to not only place the finished surface on the new court area, but we will also be resurfacing the existing courts. When the entirety of the play surface is refinished, the courts will need to be closed to all users for a few days to allow the new surfacing material to be installed and allowed to cure. Once the courts are finished, we will start on the restrooms and picnic shelter. The City will be purchasing "kits" for a timber structure picnic shelter and cement masonry unit (CMU) restroom facility. The new restroom facility will consist of two unisex restrooms. During the picnic shelter and restroom construction portion of the project, the City will be providing Porta Potties.

In addition, the City will be making a small modification to the existing parking lot to provide a van accessible ADA parking stall; ADA accessible pathway from the parking lot to the tennis/pickleball courts and to the picnic shelter/restroom area; and some landscaping upgrades. Once the project is complete, Rolling Dunes Park will really be a jewel of a neighborhood park.



# Siuslaw Estuary Trail - <https://bit.ly/EstuaryTrail>

On July 15, 2024, City Council awarded the construction contract for the Siuslaw Estuary Trail to Laskey-Clifton Corporation from Reedsport, OR. As of press time, we do not have a start date from the contractor, we do expect the contractor to begin construction late August or early September. The project actually has two different elements at two locations. The first is the construction of a parking lot at the southwest corner of Hwy 126 and Spruce Street. The second location is the actual trail system which is located south of Hwy 126 beginning at Redwood Street and continuing south to the estuary. The Siuslaw Estuary Trail will connect to Quince Street between Harbor and 6th Street.

If Laskey-Clifton Corporation sounds familiar it is. Laskey-Clifton Corporation is a long-established general contractor that has completed a number of projects for the City. The most recent project was the 9th Street Water and Roadway Improvement Project. Laskey-Clifton Corporation is just wrapping up a \$4 million project for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department at Beverly Beach State Campground. You should start seeing Laskey-Clifton's equipment being staged in the area in August. Once this trail is open it will help connect the Old Town area with the Munsel Creek Bike Path to allow pedestrians and bicyclists additional travel options through the City.

