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Latest water tests begin

If next phase goes well, city hopes to expand activated carbon to remove toxins next week

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The third and final small-scale test of a process to remove algal toxins from Salem's drinking water supply began Monday morning and, if all goes well, the city hopes to expand it full-scale next week.

In a report presented to the Salem

City Council Monday evening, Salem Public Works staff said their goal is to implement the powder activated carbon procedure on Monday, July 2. This week will be spent fine-tuning the so-called "demonstration scale" test, which is utilizing one of the filters at the water treatment site.

But city staff said the successful im-

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"I am confident we have a solution."

Steve Powers
Salem City manager



Powdered activated carbon is being tested as a way to remove cyanobacteria at the Green Island Water Treatment Facility. JAMES BECK/STAFF STATESMAN JOURNAL

Protesters ordered to leave ICE property

Portland site had been occupied since June 17

Steven Dubels
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Federal officials Monday ordered protesters to end their round-the-clock occupation of property outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Portland, Oregon.

Law enforcement officers began distributing notices to vacate late Monday morning. The several hundred protesters have so far ignored the demand.

"We acknowledge the community's concerns driving these demonstrations. While demonstrators have a lawful right to assemble and voice their concerns, blocking the building's driveways or entrances is not permitted under federal law," U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy Williams

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A man who would not identify himself holds a sign Monday at a protest camp on property outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Portland. DON EVAN/AP



Funds for road and bridge projects are included in the Marion County 2018-19 budget proposal. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

Marion officials to vote on \$445 million budget

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The Marion County Board of Commissioners will vote Wednesday morning on a proposed 2018-19 budget totaling more than \$445.4 million.

The budget plan, which is expected to pass and go into effect July 1, aims to improve public works, increase sheriff's patrols and reduce homelessness throughout the county.

The proposal is roughly 3.6 percent more than the current 2017-18 budget of about \$429.6 million. County officials said \$71.3 million of

the 2018-19 budget will come from property taxes with interest adding an additional \$1 million in revenue.

Since the county has not issued any new bonds, property taxes are not expected to increase, said Jesse Kelley, a Marion County spokesperson.

Kelley said more money is coming into the county due to the state's increased gas tax and federal monies to compensate for reduced timber harvests.

"Residents can feel secure the finances of the county are being well managed ... (toward) making improvements for the next generation," Kelley said.

Roads to be resurfaced

The largest portion of the proposed budget — \$151.1 million — would go to the public works department, primarily for highway work.

"We're very excited," said Alan Haley, Marion County Public Works director.

"It's more than we expected."

Marion County Public Works officials maintain 118 miles of road, 147 bridges and 28,000 signs, according to a news release.

"We're ramping up our efforts and we have some really good projects for this

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4 accused of attempted robbery in Salem

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A woman and three men have been arrested after allegedly luring a man to Minto Island Park, then trying to rob him at gunpoint — a robbery he avoided in part by threatening them with a machete and banging into their

car with his vehicle.

The victim, a 22-year-old man, told police he met Casandra Rapp, 39, in the 2200 block of Minto Island Road SW on June 18 under the guise of a drug deal.

According to a probable cause statement from police, events then proceeded this way:

After he arrived at the park, the victim said, he was talking to Rapp from his

car when three men — Christian Cook, 39, Kaden Philabaum, 18, and Nicholas Steinle, 21 — surrounded the vehicle, yelling at him to hand over his possessions. Philabaum allegedly pointed a gun at him.

The victim said he had a sheathed machete in the seat next to him that he

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A woman and three men have been accused of an armed robbery attempt. MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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