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Renovation of Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium will postpone two collegiate track events in 2017

With major renovation of Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium beginning next January, several 2017 events temporarily will be displaced while the work is underway. These include the Coach ‘O’ Coastal Carolina Invitational track and field meet and the Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational track and field meet. Both collegiate meets will return to the new-and-improved Doug Shaw Stadium in 2018.

The City of Myrtle Beach and Coastal Carolina University have partnered since 2008 to organize and host both of these collegiate track and field events. During stadium construction, practice opportunities will exist nearby for javelin, shot put, discus and hammer throws. Track and field training opportunities also will exist at Coastal Carolina University during construction.

“We receive rave reviews on the Doug Shaw stadium and track from visiting teams at both the high school and college level,” said City Manager John Pedersen. “The facility will be even better after the construction, ready to host additional teams from around the country.” The City of Myrtle Beach also is talking with Coastal Carolina University about an on-campus meet for 2017, as an option.

The \$5 million Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium project includes a new press box, new locker rooms, new restrooms, new grandstand seats, an additional 1,000 visitor seats, new artificial turf on the playing field, new all-weather rubberized track and installation of home-side sprint lanes. Work will be completed in August 2017, in time for Myrtle Beach High School football games.

“The original improvements to Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium 10 years ago made it a first-rate facility for track-and-field events, as well as football and soccer,” Mayor John Rhodes said. “We are excited about this \$5 million project to provide even better facilities for athletes, to expand the total seating and to keep our track and field in top condition.”

The City of Myrtle Beach and the Horry County Schools jointly own Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium, which is named after a legendary Myrtle Beach football coach. Coach Doug Shaw had 223 wins, 77 losses and two ties in his 25 years with the Myrtle Beach Seahawks. His high school teams won four state championships before his sudden death at age 52 in 1994.

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For more details of the Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium construction project, contact Assistant City Manager Ron Andrews at 843-918-2011. For information about these track meets or other events at Doug Shaw Stadium, contact Sports Tourism Director Tim Huber at 843-918-2278. For information about training and track meets at Coastal Carolina University, contact Director of Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Jeff Jacobs at 843-349-2907.

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