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Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Open House April 30

Submitted by Community Development Department

The City of Florence is inviting the public to a Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Open House on Monday, April 30th from 4 to 7 pm at the Florence Events Center. Presentations start at 5:15 pm.

The Open House provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the North Florence Sole Source Dunal Aquifer, potential sources of contamination, and proposed strategies for long term protection of the resource. Learn about wetlands and riparian areas, why they are important, and proposals to protect them. You can also help shape a Vision for the



Siuslaw Estuary Trail and hear a presentation on projects to protect and restore tidal wetlands.

This will be the public's first chance to comment on draft Comprehensive Plan Policies and Code for protecting the aquifer, wetlands, and riparian areas. Drop in at specified times for pre-scheduled presentations on the following topics:

- 5:15 pm: Aquifer Protection Plan
- 5:35 pm: Water Monitoring Program
- 5:55 pm: Wetlands and Riparian Areas
- 6:10 pm: Siuslaw Estuary Trail
- 6:25 pm: Key Estuary Wetlands

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Vandalism Forces Closure of Park Restrooms

Submitted by Public Works Department

Vandalism is a crime that affects everyone in the community. Vandalism impacts property values, safety, cleanliness and the image of our city.

During the last year Florence Public Works has repaired and replaced traffic control signage that is designed to keep children and pedestrians safe. Safety signs have been removed from crossing areas and thrown in the brush and ditches, run over or stolen, and defaced with stickers or other graffiti. The City has spent valuable and limited resources in repairing and replacing these signs. The cost to replace or repair a damaged or removed sign varies,

but it typically costs \$250 to replace a sign.

Recently a number of vandalism acts has caused the City to close the public restrooms at Miller Park. On Monday, March 19th, vandals destroyed the fixtures in the men's restroom at the park. The vandals smashed the urinals and toilet which led staff to close and lock the restrooms. That evening, the vandals struck once again and broke into the restrooms by kicking in the locked doors and proceeded to maliciously damage the women's restroom fixtures. Damage to the public restrooms at Miller Park on this one day alone will cost the City

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Employee Spotlight

Senior Planner Wendy Farley-Campbell

For more than a decade, Senior Planner Wendy Farley-Campbell has helped citizens as Senior Planner for the City of Florence. During that time, she has also been serving in the U.S. Navy, where she has earned the rank of Senior Chief/E-8 over a 24 year career. This May, Wendy will once again serve our country when she will be sent to training for a mission in NE Afghanistan where she will be a member of a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) as a Communications NCOIC. PRT's primary mission is to support reconstruction efforts and empower local governments to govern more effectively.

When she's not busy at the City or with her Military duties, Wendy enjoys spending time with family, including her husband of five years, Alan. She also likes to do yard work and during the wee hours of the morning, you can often find Wendy rock or shell hunting.

"I enjoy working with and for the Florence citizens and encourage them to keep dreaming of a better home, business and community," said Wendy.



Senior Planner Wendy Farley-Campbell has worked for the City of Florence for more than 10 years.

What do you like most about being a City Planner?

"It is rewarding helping Florence citizens navigate the community policies to make their dreams of an improved home, business, or community come true."

What do you like most about serving in the U.S. Navy?

"Having the opportunity to serve with a variety of different types of people from all over the United States and experiencing the cultures and geography of other countries."

Proudest moment at the City?

"Witnessing the support of our City Council and staff after receiving orders to deploy. Four of the five Councilors have served in the military. I'm proud to work for an agency that supports its employees and the nation."

Most rewarding moment serving in the U.S. Navy?

"When more than half of my unit transferred to another unit after I encouraged them to think about their long-term careers and Navy goals. This other unit was forming and had been trying for a year to fill the billets (living quarters) without much luck. It is rewarding to know that ultimately the individual sailors and the other unit shared mutual benefits of this action."

Strangest request you've had as a City Planner?

"Being asked to address the issue of rogue domesticated rabbits eating the landscaping of neighboring properties."

A Vision for the Siuslaw Estuary Trail

The City, its partners, the Port of Siuslaw, and the Oregon Department of Transportation have been discussing the detailed location and design of the proposed estuary trail. Your ideas and comments on the trail location and design are welcome and needed!



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About the Partnership and the Open House

The Siuslaw Estuary Partnership is a collaborative effort by the City of Florence and its 19 federal, state, local, and tribal partners to protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in the lower Siuslaw River Watershed. This year marks the third and final year of the project. Key products will be proposed for adoption or approval this year, and some of these may affect individual property owners as well as the community at large.

North Florence Sole Source Dunal Aquifer & Aquifer Protection Plan

The Sole Source Aquifer is the City's Drinking Water Source. The Aquifer Protection Plan will contain management strategies to protect the aquifer, such as public education, incentive programs, technical assistance, emergency response, and a Drinking Water Protection Overlay Zone. The zone, if adopted, would restrict the use of hazardous chemicals in the "capture zones" for future City wells (see map). These are the areas where such uses could threaten the quality of water in the wells for future use as a drinking water source.



Florence Surface and Ground Water Monitoring Program

The City's drinking water in City wells is monitored on a regular basis and meets all drinking water standards. The City also monitors the quality and flow of groundwater and surface waters in Ackerley and Munsel Creeks to ensure that the aquifer, overall, is not contaminated. Results of the monitoring program to-date will be presented at the Open House.

Significant Wetlands and Riparian Areas

At the Open House, review the draft Significant Fresh Water Wetlands and Riparian Areas in the Florence Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and proposed protection measures. All of the wetlands, and all but two of the riparian areas, in the Florence UGB are significant, almost exclusively due to their role in protecting water quality and/or flood control, and these resources are critically important for protecting fish and wildlife habitat as well.

As proposed, protection of these resources would prohibit development, except as needed for planned public facilities and where lots would be made unbuildable. The proposed program includes incentives to help ease the burden of the regulations on individual property owners.

For more details on the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership, visit the partnership web site: www.siuslawwaters.org.

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Decreasing vandalism is everyone's responsibility. Here are five suggestions:

- Educate yourself and others about the cost of vandalism.
- Become involved with Neighborhood Watch. Contact Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515 for more information on how you can become involved in Neighborhood Watch.
- Protect your house, apartment or business by using good lights and locking gates and garages. If it happens to you, report and repair it as soon as possible.
- Be a positive example for children of our community.
- If you see anyone committing vandalism, report it to the Florence Police Department, school authorities or someone who can take action.

more than \$3,600 to replace the fixtures; replace the doors; replace the door locks; and to clean the facility.

Unfortunately, due to the extensive damages to the restrooms at Miller Park, the City has had to board up the entries into the restrooms with plywood sheathing to secure the building. The City has closed the restrooms at Miller Park indefinitely due to these malicious acts of vandalism.

The public restrooms are not the only items that vandals have attacked recently. Picnic tables, the picnic shelter at Miller Park, playground equipment and even the elevated water tank on Spruce Street has had some sort of vandalism. Public Works staff

has had to remove the picnic tables from the shelter at Miller Park so they can be repaired or replaced. Depending on the damage, picnic tables can cost \$500 to \$1,000 each to repair or replace, while the graffiti on the elevated water tank will cost up to \$5,000 to have a specialty contractor to paint over the graffiti due to the height and safety equipment required to perform the work.

Acts of vandalism is a community issue. Whether it is graffiti on a commercial building wall; graffiti on a fence or the destruction of public property it affects us all. Let's all work together on a community solution and take pride in our city surroundings. If you see it or someone vandalizing any property, call the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.



Damage to the Miller Park restrooms on March 19th will cost City taxpayers approximately \$3,600 to repair and forced the City to close the facilities indefinitely.

“If I were Mayor, Afterschool would be...”

The City of Florence, Oregon Mayors Association and Oregon Afterschool for kids invites area youth to enter the “If I were Mayor...” contest. Local winner’s entry is sent to the State contest for a chance to win a new laptop! Share your ideas about what afterschool opportunities you would like to see in Florence and what else you would do as mayor.

Contest deadline is April 20, 2012
Visit www.ci.florence.or.us for rules and to download an entry form.

City of Florence Mayors Since 1952

January, 1952	E.J. Hathaway	January 10, 1989	Rob Ward
January 12, 1953	E. A. Davidson	January 7, 1991	Wilbur Ternyik
March 11, 1968	Stuart Johnston	January 4, 1993	Roger McCorkle
January 11, 1971	Paul Geuy	Jan 1999 - Jan 2005	Alan Burns
December 2, 1974	Don Bowman	Jan.2005 to present	Phil Brubaker
January 8, 1979	Roger McCorkle		
January 11, 1983	Greg Anderson		
January 8, 1985	Wilbur Ternyik		

*Information courtesy of the
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From left to right: Councilor Brian Jagoe, Council President Nola Xavier, Mayor Phil Brubaker, Council Vice-President Suzanne Roberts, Councilor Paul Holman

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Florence is to meet community expectations for municipal services, provide a vision for civic improvements, maintain a quality environment and position Florence to have an economically viable and sustainable future.

City Calendar

For more information about meetings (days marked in yellow), contact City Hall at 541-997-3437.
For information on events & concerts (days marked in blue), contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Budget Committee 6:00 pm	10 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12 SMS & SHS Choir Concert at FEC	13	14 Early Rhody Show at FEC
15 Early Rhody Show at FEC	16 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Community (4:30 pm) & Elected (6:30 pm) Stakeholders Meeting	20	21
22	23 Budget Committee 6:00 pm	24 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm	25 Florence Urban Renewal Agency Meeting 6:30 pm	26	27	28 Florence Green Fair at FEC
29	30 Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Open House at FEC 4 to 7 pm					