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Focus on Florence

August 2015

Dr. Dhiti of Thailand Visits Florence



Mayor Joe Henry, City Manager Erin Reynolds, Dr. Dhiti, Chief Tom Turner

Florence had a visit on Tuesday, July 27th from Dr. Dhiti, an earthquake and tsunami expert from Thailand. Dr. Dhiti is a Senior Geologist and Director of International Cooperation with the Thailand Department of Mineral Resources in Bangkok. During his visit, Dr. Dhiti was interested in seeing a local location that has had to plan and prepare for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.

While here, Dr. Dhiti had a chance to visit with many of our local officials and emergency response agencies. His tour of Florence included City Hall, the Florence Justice Center, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue's main station, the U.S. Coast Guard Siuslaw Station, the Port of Siuslaw, and a visit to view some of the tsunami sirens.



Siuslaw Bridge photo courtesy of Joshua Greene, © 2011 All Rights Rese

USCG Senior Chief Tim Tregoning, Chief Tom Turner, SVFR Operations Chief Marvin Tipler, WLA Interim Manager Brian Burright, Dr. Dhiti, SVFR Senior Captain Brian Jagoe, Lieutenant John Pitcher

On December 26, 2004, Southeast Asia shook from a

magnitude 9.1 earthquake off the shore of Indonesia in the Indian Ocean. That earthquake caused a tsunami that hit fourteen countries and killed 230,000 people. In Thailand, a popular tourist destination, approximately 8,300 Thais and tourists died, 2,800 went missing, and thousands of were injured as a result of the earthquake and tsunami.

This visit, as well as the 2009 visit, was arranged by



In the aftermath of that devastating event, the Royal Thai Government established a committee to develop an early warning system for Indian Ocean earthquakes in 2005. This global effort is aimed at enhancing preparedness and improve survival in areas that are susceptible to these catastrophic natural disasters. In 2009, a Thai visitor from the Disaster Warning Center was here to tour the Florence and the Oregon Coast.

Port Manager Bob

Forsythe with Dr. Dr. Rick Lindholm whom is working with the Thai Distance Learning Organization. He has worked with the University of

Distance Learning Organization. He has worked with the University of Oregon, as well as other universities, to bring dignitaries and academics from Thailand and introduce them into various learning opportunities to take back to their Country. Dr. Lindholm works closely with the Thai Royal Family, often with the King, to partner on educational opportunities.



Senior Chief Tim Tregoning provided Dr. Dhiti with a tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Siuslaw Station

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EMPLOYEE _____ SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Bailey Corrections Officer/Jail Coordinator

Brandon Bailey is the Corrections Officer and Jail Coordinator for the Florence Municipal Jail located in the Justice Center. Prior to joining the Florence Police Department in July 2014, Officer Bailey served for nearly seven years in the U.S. Army as a Armored Tank Crewman. During his that time, Officer Bailey served a year-long combat tour in Iraq. Officer Bailey enjoys riding the sand dunes, welding, building, and being outdoors in his free time.

What does your job entail?

"I am tasked with all the operations of the Florence Municipal Jail. This includes ensuring the overall safety and security of both the facility and the incarcerated individuals."

What do you like most about your job?

"I enjoy being able to interact with all sorts of people from all different walks of life on a daily basis. I also enjoy giving the community a sense of security knowing offenders will be held accountable for their actions."

What has been your proudest moment since joining the Police Department?

"I do not have a single proudest moment. I am proud I am able to serve a great community and help make Florence a safer place for people to live."

What has been the strangest request or incident you've had working for the City?

"I have a lot of 'strangest requests' but maybe only one I can actually talk about. It would have to be interacting with people that seriously believe they are Aliens on this Earth from other planets. When trying to communicate with this one individual, he would only 'Beep', 'Bop' and 'Click' verbally. Long story short, this made it extremely difficult to get anything done."

The Oregon Department of Corrections performed an inspection of the Florence Municipal Jail in July. Thanks to the hard work of Officer Bailey and the Florence Police Department, we passed with inspection with flying colors.

Join Us Online!

The City of Florence and the Florence Events Center are both on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Vimeo. Watch for updates on meetings, events, videos, and other important information.



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<u>www.vimeo.com/</u> <u>florenceoregon</u>



Meet the New & Returning Employees

Brenda Cervantes, GIS Technician — Brenda Cervantes joined the City in May of this year as the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technician. She has a degree from Lane Community College in water conservation with a GIS certificate. Before joining the City, Brenda worked at the Long Tom Watershed Council. She is currently working on electronically mapping our infrastructure networks.



Camellia Jensen, City Hall Clerk — Camellia Jensen has been working as a part-time contract employee with the City for about two years. On July 1st, she was hired as a full-time, permanent employee. Camellia splits her time between the Finance Department and the City Manager's Office. Her responsibilities include processing utility payments, business and special event licenses, and assisting the City Recorder.



James Ledbetter, Water Treatment Plant Operator II — James Ledbetter returned the City's Public Works Department in July after nearly a year away. James previously worked as an Operator I in our Water Treatment Plant from 2011-2014 before moving to Cottage Grove. We are happy to have James back on our team and don't blame him for wanting to return to our lovely community!



Nilda Taylor, Executive Assistant to Public Works — Nilda Taylor began working for the City in June as the Executive Assistant in our Public Works Department. Prior to joining the City of Florence, Nilda worked for Peach Health for ten years, four of which were here in Florence as a Clinical Administrative Assistant.

Hosting an event at the FEC? Check out our caterers!

This year the Florence Events Center transitioned from an exclusive caterer to a list of pre-approved caterers, each providing a variety of services along with a quality reputation. During the process, the full service professional kitchen was completely cleaned, organized, and fully stocked with equipment purchased by the Friends of the Florence Events Center making our kitchen well equipped for any occasion. If you are interested in hosting a function at the Florence Events Center, please call 541.997.1994 or visit our website at www.eventcenter.org. If food



and beverage services are needed for your event, please don't hesitate to contact any of our pre-approved caterers for prices and menu information.

Caterer	Phone	Contact
Fresh Harvest Café & Bakery	541.997.4051	Rebecca Ottensmann
Homegrown Public House	541.997.4886	Jody Terry
Mon Ami Café & Deli	541.997.9234	Diane Marti
Oregon Box Lunch	541.991.0539	Wayne & Stephanie Crosthwaite

Do you have your own caterer or restaurant in mind? Not a problem. The Florence Events Center is available to work with you on planning the perfect event. Any restaurant or caterer can apply to be an approved caterer for your

single event or to be added to the pre-approved list for future events. Just visit the City of Florence website for more details at <u>www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/fec-catering-services</u>.

Facelift for Rhody Drive—35th Street to Lighthouse Way



Rhododendron Drive from 35th Street to Lighthouse Way received a hot oil chip and fog seal at the end of July. Chip Sealing is a common pavement maintenance practice that extends pavement life and provides a good driving surface.

> With chip seals, a thin film of heated asphalt liquid is sprayed on the road surface, followed by the placement of small aggregates ("chips"). The chips are compacted to orient the chips for maximum adherence to the asphalt, and excess stone is swept from the surface. A fog seal is then applied to protect the chip seal from UV rays and finish the road preservation.

Rhododendron Drive Pavement Preservation Project Groundbreaking—9th Street to Wildwinds

On Wednesday, August 5th at 12:30pm, Mayor Henry and the City Council will be joined by City staff for the groundbreaking of the Rhododendron Drive preservation project between 9th Street and Wildwinds. Construction is scheduled to start the following week on August 10th.

This \$254,000 paving project along Rhododendron Drive between 9th Street and Wildwinds will only address the travel lanes of the roadway and will not extend or enlarge the existing roadway shoulders at this time. Extension of the shoulder is anticipated to begin Summer 2016. The project will grind (also known as 'cold plane') the existing street surface to a depth of 2inches and then inlay and pave back the street with a new Hot Mix Asphalt Cement (HMAC) wearing surface. The project will also include digging out and reconstructing 250 square yards of roadway area to address a road base failure area.







Are you ready for a Tsunami?

Protect yourself during the earthquake Move to high ground or inland Stay there

Visit <u>www.Ready.gov</u> for information on how to prepare your family for a tsunami. Want to put together a Go-Kit? See page 9 for a list of items!



Dear Concerned Business Leader

The Florence Police Department has again put into effect their child safety and drug prevention education program for children and parents. However, we need your help.

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The Department will be providing child safety and drug prevention education material for the children, preschool and older, as well as their parents. These materials have been designed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. This program will assist us in teaching children to live safely. We strongly believe that by making our children aware we can help prevent tragic loss.

Every person in the Department is confident that child safety can be achieved if children and their parents are properly educated about safety. That is our objective. Won't you join us? In order to help cover the cost of these materials, our Department is turning to the concerned business, industrial, and professional leaders to support this vital program.

We are asking you to help provide safety materials and services for 30 to 200 children at \$1.90 per child. Two hundred children would be \$380.00, 100 children would be \$190.00, 70 children would be \$133.00, 50 children would be \$95.00 and 30 children \$57.00. However, any gift of any amount would be appreciated. As an acknowledgment, those who choose to support this program will be listed on the prestige page of all activity manuals under the heading:

"PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE"

For your convenience, please return your check in the enclosed envelope. Checks should be made payable to: National Child Safety Council.

Thank you in advance for your concerned support. Your help is greatly appreciated and will surely reflect itself through the children of our community

Sincerely.

Thomas Turner Chief

Mail to: Florence Police Department 900 Greenwood Street Florence, OR 97439



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Florence Police Department Partners with the National **Child Safety Council**

You may have received this letter in the mail regarding the Florence Police Department's partnership with the National Child Safety Council. We are partnering with this organization in order to provide our local children and parents with information on child safety and drug prevention.

Donations received from community members will help fund these educational materials on topics such as anti-bullying, crime prevention, drug prevention, safety tips for various activities, internet safety, etc. Chief Turner has worked with this organization for several years and hopes to bring this valuable resource to Florence.

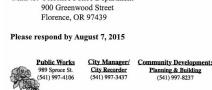
For more information on the National Child Safety Council and their activities, visit www.nationalchildsafetycouncil.org. If you would like more information on our efforts here in Florence, contact Chief Turner at 541-997-3515.

Power of Florence at the Parks

Our parks received some much needed attention during July's Power of Florence. Miller Park, Gallagher's Park, Munsel Lake Road Park, Pepperoaks Park, and Rolling Dunes Park all



received face lifts with the help of 100+ volunteers. Thank you to all who participated!



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Recorder's Corner

News from the July Council Meetings

With the start of the new fiscal year, the City of Florence has been buckling down and getting to work on the various projects within the City's work plan. July saw the City Council approve 8 purchase agreements for items ranging from reconstruction of streets to new software for the Florence Municipal Court. All of

these purchases will allow the City to move forward with its work plan in order to provide for the high quality of governmental service our citizens come to expect.

During July we also completed the following:

- Various equipment purchases including:
 - A new power generator for the water division
 - A wastewater treatment plant clarifier
 - A right-of-way tractor and mower
 - Municipal court case management software
- Agreements with many private contractors including:
 - Contract to complete reconstruction of Rhododendron Drive from 9th to Wildwinds Street
 - Chip and fog seal completion on Rhododendron Drive from 35th Street to Lighthouse Way
 - Completion of water proofing and sealant at the Florence Justice Center
- Completion of amendments to the City of Florence Employee Handbook
- > Acceptance of a grant from the State of Oregon for coastal planning expenses
- > Update on the State's progress in forming regulation concerning Recreational Marijuana and E-Cigarettes
- > Liquor license approval for Talk of the Bay located on 1340 Bay Street
- > Proclamation declaring the Third Saturday in July as "Power of Florence" day in the City

For more information about Florence City Council meetings and actions, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437, or via email at <u>kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us</u>. Information on all Council meetings and actions taken can be found on the City of Florence website at <u>www.ci.florence.or.us</u>.

Help the Florence Senior Center Earn Rewards

All you have to do is link your Fred Meyer's Rewards Card to the Senior Center so you can both earn rewards!

Through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program you can earn donations for the Florence Senior Center just by shopping with your Rewards Card. Fred Meyer will donate \$2.6 million to nonprofits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington every year through this new program.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Visit <u>www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u> and select Link Your Rewards Card Now.
- 2. Provide information from your online account or create one by selecting Create an account.
- 3. Simply enter the Florence Senior Center's number, 84975, or search for Florence Senior Center and enroll in rewards!

It's that simple! Every time you use your Rewards Card you'll be helping the Florence Senior Center earn a donation from Fred Meyer. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards Customers linked to each nonprofit.

Citing the Municipal Code Warm Weather Pet Safety

Hello Florence,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for bringing to my attention various issues around the community, I only have one set of eyes and can't possibly see it all.

Recently we have had very nice weather and I have had several calls regarding animals left in vehicles. It may seem like a treat to your pets when you take them, however, the internal temperature of a vehicle even with the windows cracked, can quickly climb to over 100 degrees in less than 20 minutes. It is not only against City Code, but there are several state laws that are aimed at protecting your pets in the heat.

For more information on hot weather safety for pets, visit the Oregon Humane Society's website at <u>www.oregonhumane.org/hotweather-safety-for-pets-resources/</u>. There you can learn some quick tips on heat and sun safety, heatstroke in pets, hot pavement effects, and more.

Let us all do the right thing for our pets, and leave them at home when we go out, rather than leaving them in our vehicles.

Thank you,

Dan Frazier Code Enforcement Officer



Does your dog love coming along in the car when you run errands? On a warm day, dogs will love staying

of minutes, even with windows cracked open:

CAR/OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES

Temperatures inside a car increase by an average of 19° in the first 10 minutes;

regardless of the outside temperature.

29° in 20 minutes; and 33° in 30 minutes,

That's too hot for pets!

When the temperature outside is 78°

105° in just 20 minutes.

the temperature inside a car can reach

somewhere cool even more. The temperature inside a car rises to dangerous levels for dogs in just a matter

Profuse drading, heavy panting
 Vomiting, diarrhea
 Red gums, tongue, at skin
 Rapid pulse
 Lying flat/lethargy

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET MAY HAVE HEATSTROKE - Get your pet out of direct heat & offer water to drink - Call your veterinarian - you may need to bring the pet in right away - Place cool (not cold), wet towels or running water on the pet's head, neck, feet, abdomen

THE BEST THING TO DO FOR YOUR PETS WHEN IT'S HOT: KEEP YOUR PETS INDOORS! See more tips online at oregonhumane.org/heatsafety



Ride with a Councilor on the Rhody Express!

Do you have a great idea or thought you would like to share with the Florence City Council? The City Council has started the "Ride with a Councilor" program so that you can share them! Each month, a City Councilor or Mayor Henry will ride the Rhody Express to answer your questions and hear your suggestions. Hop aboard the Rhody Express and talk to Mayor Joe Henry on August 6th for Ride with a Councilor day!

August 6th 1:30 pm—3:30 pm

Fares for the Rhody Express are \$1/trip or \$2/day. For more information about the program, call the City Manager's Office at 541-997-3437. For a detailed bus schedule, pick up a brochure at the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, or online at <u>ltd.org/rhody</u>. For other questions concerning the Rhody Express service, call 541-902-2067.



Help Pets in Hot Cars

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MERGENCY KIT Checklist

The following is a list of items we recommend to be in your emergency kit. Be sure to consider individually each family member's emotional, physical, etc. well being.

Water

- As much water as you can carry (Extra portable water 3-5 gallons of water stored for sanitation and drinking.)
- Method of water purification.

Food

- 72-Hour Supply of Food
- Can Opener

Communications

- NOAA Weather Radio with Batteries or radio with alternate power sources
- Whistle with neck cord

Personal

Sanitation

- NO Toilet Paper/Tissues Toothbrush and Paste
- Hand Sanitizer/Soap
- Sanitary Napkins
- Comb/Razor
- **Moist Towelettes**
- Garbage Bags, Plastic
- Ties
- Cellphone & Charger
- (Handcrank)

Tools

- Pocket Knife/Pliers
- Shovel/Trowel Hatchet or Axe
- Sewing Kit
- 50-Foot Nylon Rope
- Duct Tape

First Aid

- First-Aid Kit and Supplies
- Burn Gel and Dressings
- Bottle of Potassium lodide Tablets
- N95 Respirator Mask

Important Papers

Copies of documents important to your family (such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, bank info, insurance forms), phone numbers you might need, credit card information

Stress Relievers

Games, books, hard candy, inspirational reading. For children: small toys, paper and pen, favorite security items



Extra Clothing Tools

A complete outfit of appropriate clothing for each family member. Include extra socks, underwear, hat, sturdy shoes, and aloves

Money

At least \$20 in your kit. Be sure to include quarters for phone calls

Light Sources

- Flashlight with Extra **Batteries** Candle
- Lightsticks
 - Headlamp

Portable Box

Durable water resistant duffel bag, frame pack or daypack





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Your kit should be portable, stored a backpack or roller bag close to an exit of your house. Do not overload vour kit—vou may have to carry it long distances to reach safety or shelter.

Each family member should have L their own kit with food, clothing and water. Distribute heavy items between kits.

3 Dry clothes may be your most Valued source of warmth and shelter. Enclose extra clothing,

matches, documents, and other damageable items in plastic to protect them from smoke or water.

Keep a flashlight in the top of your 4 Keep a nashing it easy to find in the dark.

Personalize each kit to fit the needs Of each family member.

Inspect your kit at least twice a oyear. Rotate expired food and water. Check children's clothing for proper fit, while adjust for winter or summer needs. Check expiration dates on batteries, light sticks, warm packs, food and water.

Consider the special needs of your family, accommodating infants and children, handicapped and the elderly. Keep a store of essential formulas, medications and other special supplies.

Camp Stove Mess Kits and other

- cooking equipment
- Sun Block
- Insect Repellent

E Extra Food

- Portable Toilet
- Snake Bite Kit
- Special Medication or other needs
- Local Map
- Glasses
- Infant Needs
- Pet Food/Water
- First Aid Book
- **Emergency Reference** Material

Warmth & Shelter

- Windproof/
- Waterproof/Strike Anywhere Matches Second method to
- start a fire
- Tent/Shelter/Plastic Sheeting
- Wool-blend Blanket/ Sleeping Bag
- **Emergency Reflective** Bag/Blanket
- Hand and Body Warm Packs
- Poncho
- Lightweight Stove and Fuel

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Focus on Florence

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City Council Meetings

Council Chambers City Hall, 250 Hwy. 101 (unless otherwise noted)

Regular Meetings Monday, August 3, 6:00 PM

Work Session Wed., August 5, 10:00 AM



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Council regular

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Channel 191, and available

for online viewing the

following day. For the most

current agenda and materials

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2015 COUNCIL GOALS

Deliver efficient and cost effective City services. Expand and diversify the Florence economy. Improve the City's livability and quality of life. Sustain the City's strong financial position. Improve the City's communication program to better tell the City's story and strengthen citizen trust where possible. Improve the community's safety and perception of safety.

CITY CALENDAR: AUGUST 2015

Questions?

Contact City Hall at 541-997-3437. Contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.

SUN	ΜΟΝ	TUE	WED	тни	FRI	SAT
						Siuslaw Athletic Auction & Banquet 5:30 pm, FEC
2	3 City Council 6 pm, City Hall	4	5 City Council Work Session 10 am, City Hall Rhody Dr. Ceremony 12:30 pm, Rhody & 11th	6 City Councilor Ride Along 1:30—3:30pm, Rhody Express	7	8 Second Star Festival 10 am—6 pm, FEC
9 Second Star Festival 10 am—6 pm, FEC	10 Public Arts Committee 10 am, City Hall	11	12	13	14	15 Yard Debris Disposal Day 9 am—2 pm, 27th St. Coin Show 9 am—5 pm, FEC
16 Coin Show 9 am—4 pm, FEC Pacific Jazz Septet Concert 2 pm, FEC	17	18	19 TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall	20 EMAC 2 pm, City Hall	21 Who's Wives Are They Anyway? 7 pm, FEC	22 Who's Wives Are They Anyway? 7 pm, FEC
23 Who's Wives Are They Anyway? 2 pm, FEC	24 Public Arts Committee 10 am, City Hall	25 Econ. Dev. Committee 2:30 pm, City Hall Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	26 FURA 6 pm, City Hall	27 FEC Advisory Committee 3:30 pm, FEC	28 Who's Wives Are They Anyway? 7 pm, FEC	29 Who's Wives Are They Anyway? 7 pm, FEC
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