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# Focus on Florence

December 2016

## Water, Stormwater, and Roadway Improvement Project

### News Rhododendron Drive – 9th to Hwy 101 Kingwood Street – 2nd to Rhododendron Drive

On October 31, Carter & Company Inc. started construction on a \$2.655 million improvement project on Rhododendron Drive. The project will replace the small diameter water lines within Rhododendron Drive between 9th and Kingwood streets with a new 16-inch water main, extend a 12-inch water main on Rhododendron Drive between Kingwood and Hwy 101, and install a 16-inch water main within Kingwood from 2nd to Rhododendron Drive.



*Contractor's crews clearing the trees and vegetation on the south side of Rhododendron adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. This is the location of one of the retaining walls.*

Stormwater improvements will consist of replacing an existing culvert crossing of Rhododendron Drive west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, installing stormwater crossings at key locations on Rhododendron Drive to facilitate future projects, and stormwater improvements along Kingwood Street between 2nd and Rhododendron Drive. The culvert crossing next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be completed with the installation of a new 42-inch stormwater pipe and concrete headwalls. Stormwater improvements along Kingwood Street will consist of 18-inch and 15-inch pipes.



*Installing the first of three gravity block retaining walls. This one is on the south side of Rhododendron Drive.*

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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Visit Santa at the Florence Justice Center!



The Florence Police Auxiliary will host their annual Meet Santa at the Florence Justice Center, located at 900 Greenwood Street, on Saturday, December 17, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children will be able to select a toy and have a picture with Santa!

*Anyone who would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy can drop them off anytime at the Justice Center before December 16.*

### The City of Florence is Online! Get the latest news and updates, and see what we are working on.

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

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Watch Us On



[www.vimeo.com/florenceoregon](http://www.vimeo.com/florenceoregon)

Sign up to receive the newsletter via email at [www.ci.florence.or.us/community/city-florence-newsletter](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/community/city-florence-newsletter).



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Once the water and stormwater facilities have been completed, the contractor will be installing two 6-foot bike lanes along Rhododendron Drive between 9th and Hemlock streets. Additionally, a new 5-foot sidewalk will be constructed along the north and east sides of Rhododendron Drive from 9th Street to Hemlock Street. Both Rhododendron Drive and Kingwood Street will have a new paved surface once the project is completed.



*Contractor extending the shoulder of Rhododendron Drive west of the entrance to the hospital for a new bike lane and sidewalk.*

During much of November, the contractor has focused their on clearing and grubbing the vegetation along Rhododendron Drive between 9th and Greenwood streets. The contractor has also cleared and removed a considerable amount of soil just west of Greenwood Street in order to install three retaining walls. The retaining walls are gravity block walls.

During December, the contractor will begin installing the new 16-inch water main on Rhododendron Drive starting at 9th Street and heading east. They will also start installing the new stormwater system on Kingwood between Rhododendron Drive and 2nd Street.

Florence Public Works would like to extend our thanks to the public for their patience as we begin this very important project that will bring improved water supplies for fire suppression to the Hospital and surrounding area. Although we have planned the construction well and have worked hard to minimize any inconvenience, due to the nature of this construction project there will be slight inconveniences, particularly to the residents that live along the route of the construction. The City sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience we or the contractor might cause during this project and we will certainly try to minimize those inconveniences.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2017. Please proceed cautiously through the work zones or take alternate routes when necessary.

## Florence Holiday Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2016 Florence Holiday Festival a success! We hope you enjoyed the holiday activities, meeting Santa, the hay rides, and the tree lighting. Special thanks to the Florence Public Works crew for putting up the 30-foot tree and the lights!



## Join a City Committee—Make a Difference!



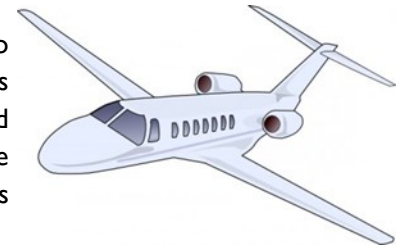
The City currently has vacancies on 10 committees. These positions offer citizens an excellent opportunity to volunteer their services and get involved in decisions on significant matters. City of Florence boards, commissions, and committees are a vital part of City business. Committee members make invaluable contributions to the Mayor and City Councilors, the City staff, and the City itself. The following boards and committees are currently filling vacancies for varying term lengths, with positions set to begin February 2017.

- Airport Advisory Committee – 2 open positions
- Audit Committee – 1 open position
- Budget Committee – 2 open positions
- Economic Development Committee – 3 open positions
- Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) – 4 open positions
- Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) – 4 open positions
- Florence Urban Renewal Budget Committee – 2 open position
- Planning Commission – 3 open positions
- Public Art Committee – 2 open positions
- Transit Advisory Committee – 1 open position (High School Student)

More information about all the City boards, commissions, and committees can be found under the “Apply for a Board or Committee” link at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us). Here is a short introduction to each of them:

### Airport Advisory Committee

The Airport Advisory Committee is responsible for actively seeking volunteers to do maintenance and other work at the airport, seeking grants to fund improvements and repair, and volunteering to be part of work groups during maintenance and other work at the airport. It consists of five to seven members. For more information about the Committee and its meeting times please contact Public Works Director Mike Miller at 541-997-4106 or [mike.miller@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:mike.miller@ci.florence.or.us).



### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the City’s annual financial audit, including working with independent auditors. It consists of the Mayor, a member of the City’s budget committee, and a citizen with interest/experience in audits and municipal accounting. Meetings are held as needed during and in preparation for the audit process. For more information about the Committee and its meeting times please contact Interim Finance Director Andy Parks at 541-997-3436 or [andy.parks@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:andy.parks@ci.florence.or.us).

### Budget Committee

The Budget Committee serves as the fiscal planning board for the City. The Committee reviews the budget proposed by City Staff before it is forwarded to the Council for formal adoption prior to June 30 of each year. There are 10 committee members consisting of the City Council and an equal number of citizen members appointed by the Council. Budget Committee meetings are held as needed during the budgeting process. For more information about the Committee and its meeting times please contact Interim Finance Director Andy Parks at 541-997-3436 or [andy.parks@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:andy.parks@ci.florence.or.us).





*CITY COMMITTEES, Page 4***Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee was established to review economic trends, develop and maintain the City's business retention & expansion program, as well as the City's marketing & recruitment program. There are nine committee members and four ex-officio members. Economic Development Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. For more information about the Committee and its meeting times please contact Economic Development Catalyst Jesse Dolin at 541-997-3437 or [economicdevelopment@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:economicdevelopment@ci.florence.or.us).

**Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)**

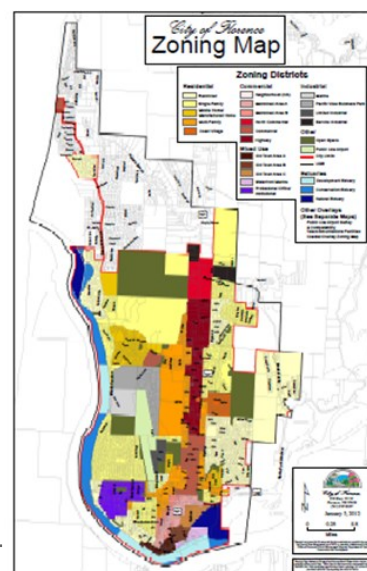
EMAC serves to inform the public and the City Council on issues concerning solid waste management, fees, and service provider licensing. EMAC also strives to improve public knowledge on conserving energy and material resources, promoting resource recovery (e.g. yard debris, biosolids), and protecting the health of the environment through public disposal events and programs. It consists of seven members. EMAC meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, but less frequently in the summer. For more information about the committee and its meeting times please contact Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell at 541-997-8237 or [wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us).

**Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA)**

The mission of the Urban Renewal Agency is to revitalize the Florence downtown area as the primary cultural, tourist, commercial, and community core to serve all Florence's citizens and visitors, encouraging continuing growth, development, and enhancement consistent with Florence's small-town ambiance and character. The board has 9 members: the Mayor of Florence, two City Councilors, members nominated by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, the Western Lane Ambulance District, and the Port of Siuslaw and/or the Siuslaw Library District. The remaining members are citizens at large. Meetings typically take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. For more information about FURA please contact the City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).

**Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission serves to advise the Mayor, Council, and Planning Director in all matters concerning planning and land use. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, subdivision and zoning ordinances, and other planning rules and regulations. The Commission also serves as the Design Review Board and in doing so holds public hearings on these and other actions. The Commission consists of seven members. Members Planning Commission meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the Commission please contact Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell at 541-997-8237 or at [wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us).



*CITY COMMITTEES, Page 5***Public Art Committee**

The Public Art Committee is the City's primary committee tasked with actively developing a public art program for the City of Florence including establishing and maintaining the City public art collection and preparing for and securing funding for art works. The committee has seven members and two ex-officio members. Meetings typically take place on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. For more information about FURA please contact the City Recorder

Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).

**Transit Advisory Committee**

The Transit Advisory Committee makes decisions on the City's local transit system and seeks to ensure the system is working for our citizens. Their tasks include making possible route adjustment recommendations, distributing educational materials, and promoting events. There are seven members of the Transit Advisory Committee, including one high school student. For more information about the Committee and its meeting times please contact Assistant Planner Glen Southerland at 541-997-8237 or [glen.southerland@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:glen.southerland@ci.florence.or.us).



Applying for a position is easy. Applications are available at Florence City Hall and can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us). City Hall is open Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2016. For more information about the duties and responsibilities of these bodies, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths, or any other questions, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).



The Florence Police Auxiliary Officers have provided these 10 helpful tips for keeping your home safe during the holiday season.

1. Keep doors locked at all times. This includes when you are home and even when it's light out.
2. Keep the curtains and blinds closed. This will ensure that no one can take a peek at your valuables.
3. If away, give your home a "lived-in" look with a device scheduled to turn lights on or off at a specific time.
4. Collect packages and deliveries as soon as they arrive, or have a neighbor pick them up for you.
5. Collect your newspaper and mail as soon as they arrive.
6. Make sure there is no shrubbery crowding entry points of the home that would block visibility.
7. If you have a garage, make sure you are packing and unpacking gifts from the car inside of the garage so no one can see what you purchased.
8. Don't advertise your Christmas gift purchases on social media, as many thieves use social media to find potential victims.
9. Don't advertise your out-of-town holiday plans on social media or post pictures until after you have returned.
10. If leaving for the holidays, file a Vacation Patrol Request, found under forms on the City's website, to let the police know you are away and to be added to the list of areas that the Police Auxiliary Officers check on during their patrols. This form can be found at [www.ci.florence.or.us/police](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/police).



# The 12 DAYS OF SAFETY

Never use lighted candles near trees or boughs **1**



Keep poisonous plants out of reach of children and pets **2**



Keep trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources **3**



Make sure your tree has a stable platform **4**



Choose an artificial tree that is labeled fire resistant **5**



If using a natural tree, make sure it is well watered **6**



Check holiday lights for fraying, bare spots, gaps in the insulation or excessive kinking in the wire **7**



Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use **8**



When putting up decorations, use a step stool or ladder to reach high places **9**



Designate a sober driver **10**



When preparing a meal, wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that touches raw meat **11**



Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F **12**



*Happy Holidays*



Proud Member

## City Offers Credit for Business License Renewals Received by January 1st!

Watch the latest movie at City Lights Cinema, check. Have some amazing coffee at Siuslaw Coffee Roasters, check. Buy your granddaughter a new craft kit at Funky Monkey Toys, check, check. The question is, what can you do with an additional \$10?

As a way of saying thank you to the City's responsible long term businesses, the City of Florence will be offering a \$10 credit toward next year's business license for businesses that renew their 2017 licenses on time (i.e. on or before January 1). We would like to thank our local business owners and their employees for their continued support of the community. Without our local businesses, Florence could not survive and thrive. They not only provide employment for our citizens, but support the various community events that make Florence the wonderful place that it is.

So, businesses, when you receive your business license renewal in the mail in early December, don't forget to review the contact information contained and send it in with payment by January 1 to receive your \$10 credit toward your next year's business license. Come December 2018, you'll be thankful that you did.

For more information on business licenses, or to make sure we have the correct mailing address for your business, please contact Kelli Weese, City Recorder, at 541-997-3437 or [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).



### Recorder's Corner

#### News from the November Council Meetings

At the November 7 City Council meeting, the City Council approved an agreement with Banner Bank for financing and refinancing \$9.8 million in projects. These changes represent a huge savings to the city by reducing the interest rate from 3.25% to 2.92%. Projects intended to be funded include refinancing debt from the construction of the Siuslaw Library, funding the Florence Urban Renewal Agency project, construction of the new public works facility, and construction of street and water infrastructure projects.

During November we also completed the following:

- Approval of a contract with Portland State University's Center for Public Service for participation in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government fellowship program.
- Approval of an engineering contract for water and wastewater improvements along Hwy 126.
- Approval of a contract to begin clearing the lot for the new public works facility.
- Approval of the recruitment process for City Committee vacancies.
- Approval of a liquor license for American Market located at 2515 Hwy 101.
- Reports on the next steps with the School Resource Officer grant, City Services billing changes, wastewater industrial users survey, public works facility, financial report, holiday festival and banners, and Boards and Committees.
- Introductions of Sergeant Brandon Ott and Economic Development Catalyst Jesse Dolin.
- Presentations and Proclamations for Military Family Appreciation Month, the Florence Police Fleet, Siuslaw Region 2025 Vision, Patriotic Employer Award for Commander Pitcher, and Departmental website updates.

For more information about Florence City Council meetings and actions, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us). Information on all Council meetings and actions taken can be found on the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us).



## Florence Economic Update

### News from the City's Economic Development Efforts

#### Meet RAIN's new Coastal Venture Catalyst David Youngentob

Join us on Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. to at the Restobar, located at 1285 Bay Street, to meet the Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network's (RAIN) new Coastal Venture Catalyst David Youngentob. Come enjoy a complimentary drink and appetizers, and learn about how RAIN is helping to serve the Florence startup ecosystem.



Thanks to the support and funding from the Ford Family Foundation and the City of Florence, RAIN has hired David as its newest member. Come meet David and learn about



his story and his plans to accelerate entrepreneurship and startups in Florence. For more information, visit [www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast](http://www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast).

#### New Businesses in Florence

Florence welcomed 22 new or changed businesses in October and November, including the new Manna apothecary and fine jewelry store at 1297 Bay Street. This new business will bring two new employees to town. Stop by and check out this wonderful new business!

For more information about the City's Economic Development Efforts, please contact Economic Development Coordinator/City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or via email at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).



## Notice of Changes to Utility Billing Policies

This notice is to inform our customers of changes related to past due accounts and our efforts to collect these account balances in a timely and cost-effective manner. The following changes were effective November 28, 2016:

- The City will no longer mail Notices of Discontinuing Water Service.
- The next regular City Services Bill will serve as a shut-off notice and will include the past due amount and the final date to pay to avoid shut-off.
- The City will no longer distribute door hangers prior to the shut-off date.
- The City will mail a final shut-off notice with the intent to give customers at least 48 hours of notice.

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#### UTILITY BILLING DEPARTMENT

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[UtilityBilling@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:UtilityBilling@ci.florence.or.us)

[www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us)

In light of these changes it is very important that customers update their mailing address with the City whenever it changes. Customers may also sign up with Xpress Bill Pay and receive email notification of new bills and manage their payments online. Visit [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) for more information on how to pay your bill online!

If you have any questions about these new policies or about your account, you can call 541-997-3436.

## Site Clearing for New Public Works Facility

In preparation for construction of the new Public Works Operations Center, the City contracted with Ray Wells, Inc. to complete the clearing and grubbing of the site to help accelerate the building construction process. Crews from Ray Wells, Inc. started to remove the heavy vegetation from the 2.75 acre site (lots 12, 13, and 14) at the southwest corner of Kingwood and 27th Street.

In addition to the vegetation, the contractor's crews will remove the root mat from the site. They will clear the ground of vegetation, including trees, stumps, and brush. All embedded stumps, root mat, etc., will be removed to a depth typically not less than 2 feet below the surface. This is especially important in areas where there will be buildings or paved areas. If the organic material (root mat, stumps, vegetation) is not removed, the material will decompose over time, creating voids under foundations, building slabs, driveways, or parking areas.



Ray Wells, Inc. excavator clearing vegetation and root mat from the new PW Operations Facility.



The vegetation and trees that are removed from the site will not go to waste. The vegetation material will be mulched using a horizontal grinder. The mulched material will be stock piled at the north end of the Florence Municipal Airport property to be used as feed stock for our biosolids composting program.

Since Florence is known as the City of Rhododendrons, the contractor will attempt to preserve nice specimens of the native rhododendrons from the site so that they can be transplanted to other City property locations. Some of the rhododendrons will be transplanted in Miller Park, while others will be moved to a secure location for transplanting in the future.

Heavy equipment used to gently remove a native rhododendron for transplanting.

The clearing and grubbing of the site should take two weeks to complete. Bids for the construction of the new Public Works facility are due on December 6, 2016.

After review of the construction bids by staff and the architect, a recommendation to award a contract to the successful bidder (contractor) will be made at the December 19, 2016 City Council meeting.



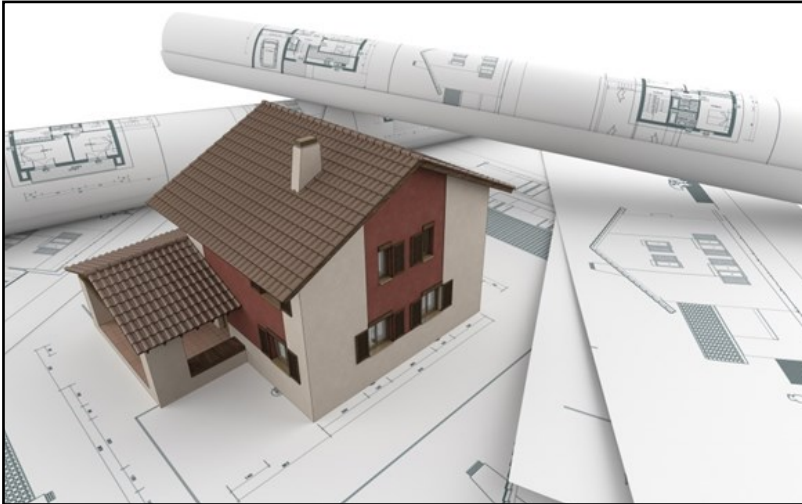
PW crew members digging small rhododendrons for transplanting.



PW staff transporting a large rhododendron that was salvaged from the site.



## New “Over the Counter” Plan Reviews Now Available for Select Projects



Have you wanted to make some exterior changes to your commercial building without all the regulatory red tape fuss? You're in luck! On November 17, 2016, the NEW “Over the Counter” application process for reviewing and approving plans to modify buildings went into effect. All commercial buildings in all zoning districts and homes within the Old Town and Mainstreet zoning districts can now take advantage of this new process. This action will save property owners as much as 45 days of wait time and \$1,300 in application fees!

This action was the result of a year-long process where architectural design standards were researched and written and then reviewed by the Florence Planning Commission and City Council during work sessions open to the public. The public then had the opportunity to review and offer their input. Now, because the building design standards are in the code, the new over-the-counter process grants city staff the opportunity to review proposals against the code and approve them without the need for public notice or hearings before the Planning Commission.

Information about the new process is in Florence City Code Title 10 Chapter 1 and can be viewed [here](#)<sup>1</sup>, and the new architectural standards are in Title 10 Chapter 6 and can be viewed [here](#)<sup>2</sup> (see footnotes). All commercial and apartment buildings require City review prior to any modifications to the exterior of the structure. This includes improvements such as reroofing, re-siding, replacing or adding doors or windows, and painting or adding exterior features such as awnings. Save yourself some time and money by having your materials and plans reviewed prior to purchase or installation with the city's new over-the-counter review process. For more information call the Planning Department at 541-997-8237.



- 1 [www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/mayor\\_and\\_council/page/961/chapter\\_1\\_-\\_zoning\\_regulations.pdf](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/mayor_and_council/page/961/chapter_1_-_zoning_regulations.pdf)
- 2 [www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/mayor\\_and\\_council/page/961/chapter\\_6\\_-\\_design\\_review.pdf](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/mayor_and_council/page/961/chapter_6_-_design_review.pdf)





## Be a Force of Nature: Prepare and Stay Safe! #WinterSafety

On average, weather-related vehicle crashes kill 6,253 people and injure more than 480,000 each year, according to the Department of Transportation. Most of these accidents occur when the roadways are wet, snowy, or icy. When the weather takes a turn for the worse this winter, take precautions if you have to be out on the roadways. Whether there is a coating of snow or ice on the road, or the asphalt just looks wet, SLOW DOWN! If the temperature is near freezing, drive like you're on ice—you may be!

While dangerous road conditions are one of the most deadly hazards during winter, it's not the only threat you may encounter. Other winter hazards include brutal cold, heavy snow and ice, dangerous flooding, extreme wind, and treacherous fog.

Nobody knows more about these weather hazards than NOAA's National Weather Service. Here is what we recommend you do this winter:



### 1. Know Your Risk

Check [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) every morning before you leave home. It may be sunny in the morning but snowing in the afternoon. Be prepared.

### 2. Take Action!

Prepare for an emergency. Write a [family communications plan](#) so that everyone in your life knows how to stay in touch. Also, assemble an [emergency supplies kit](#) for your home. Make sure you have 72 hours of food, water and other necessary supplies in your kit.

During a snow emergency, stay off the roads to allow emergency crews uninterrupted access to treat the roads, and if you must travel, allow extra time. Follow [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov) to get the latest forecast information and expected conditions.

### 3. Be A Force of Nature

You're an inspiration. Let people know that you have an emergency supplies kit and family communications plan - doing so will inspire others to action. Share your preparedness story on social media. Help the National Weather Service build a [Weather-Ready Nation](#).



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**WINTER WEATHER HAZARDS**

What kind of weather hazards are most common during winter? Find out and learn what to do to prepare for them. Visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/winter\\_safety.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/winter_safety.html) to learn about hazards such as snow and ice, cold temperatures, floods, wind, fog, and even space weather!

**Get to Know NOAA**

NOAA's National Weather Service provides weather, water, and climate data and forecasts and warnings to protect life and property and enhance the national economy. Our goal is a Weather-Ready Nation, one that is prepared for and responds to weather-dependent events.

**For More Information**

Make sure that you're prepared for winter weather hazards by following NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Get the latest forecasts and learn more about weather preparedness.



**Opportunity to Recycle: Holiday Edition**

**Americans throw away 25% more trash during the holidays**

**33% more food is thrown away during the holidays**

According to Use Less Stuff (ULS): The extra waste amounts to **25 million tons of garbage** or about **one million extra tons per week**

Much of the 28 billion pounds of edible food thrown away each year is wasted during the holiday season.

**Food**

1. buy it with thought
2. serve just enough
3. use what is left
4. compost food scraps

**don't waste it**

Think **Recycle and Compost** during the holidays

**Reduce waste generated during the holidays**

**Keep it simple**

One thoughtful gift is better than six wrapped packages of unwanted gifts

**Reduce paper waste**

Send electronic holiday cards

Reuse packaging, cartons and shipping materials.

Use earth-friendly gift wrapping alternatives:

- scarves, handkerchiefs and bandanas
- old posters and maps
- newspapers (comic section works great)

**Give an experience or an event to remember**

- Tickets to a concert or sporting event
- Gift certificates to dinner, for a massage or day at the spa
- Membership to a museum or zoo

**Children can give coupons for their time**

- extra chores
- cooking dinners
- watching a younger sibling
- giving plenty of hugs and kisses

**Compost real trees**

Check with your community solid waste department and find out if they collect and mulch trees

**Don't wrap**

Hide gifts and give the recipient clues or a map

Think **Recycle and Compost** during the holidays

## Citing the Municipal Code

It's time to discuss our City Code again. This month I'd like to talk about something that is becoming more prevalent in our community, and that is the nuisance code. The nuisance code covers a wide variety of infractions. The one I am encountering more frequently now is the accumulation of stuff in front yards and driveways.

As defined in the nuisance code, when the accumulation of items becomes unsightly, emits offensive odors, or is in any way a hazard to the public, it is a nuisance. That doesn't mean that only household garbage is a nuisance. It also applies to items that we may collect, or have no place else to put, so they accumulate and clutter the front yard or driveway, be it items or vehicles. Basically, anything that becomes unsightly is a nuisance.

The nuisance code also covers sounds. You are not allowed to generate noise above the level of a conversation, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.. That means working on vehicles, banging on things, or barking dogs. We all need to be good neighbors and considerate of our neighbors.

If you would like to view sections of the City Code, or the entire document, you can do so online at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us). While you are there, check out the new City of Florence website. I think you will like it. If you have any questions about the City Code I would be happy to answer them.

Thank you,  
Dan Frazier, Code Enforcement Officer

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## LED HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST

Contest open to all commercial businesses  
and residences in the Florence area

**1st Prize \$250 – 2nd Prize \$150 – 3rd Prize \$100**

Three prizes will be awarded to Best Commercial *AND* Best Residential Light Display in the form of a VISA gift card, which can be used at any local business, including your PUD bill (hint hint). Each entry will be judged on the 'Wow' Factor, Theme, and Variety of Elements used in the display.

**IMPORTANT: All light strands must be LED.**  
Non-LED lit decorative characters, etc. are acceptable.

**Entry Deadline: Tuesday, December 13**

Judging Date: Thursday, December 15

Winners Announced: Friday, December 16

Visit [www.FlorenceChamber.com](http://www.FlorenceChamber.com) to download an entry, pick one up at the Chamber office, or email [events@florencechamber.com](mailto:events@florencechamber.com) to have one sent to you. All entries must be received by December 13.

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## City Council Meetings

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

**Regular Meetings**  
Mon., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM  
Mon., Dec. 19, 6:00 PM

**Work Session**  
Wed., Dec. 14, 8:30 PM

City Council regular meetings are open to the public, televised on cable Channel 191, and available for online viewing the following day. For the most current agenda & materials call 541-997-3437 or visit [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us).

## COUNCIL GOALS

- Sustain and improve the delivery of cost effective and efficient services, including public safety, to the citizens of Florence and our visitors.
- Sustain and improve the City's livability and quality of life for Florence residents and visitors.
- Create a strategy and actions aimed towards sustaining and expanding the Florence economy.
- Sustain and improve the City's communication program and strengthen citizen trust.
- Sustain and improve the City's financial position, City-wide policies, and the infrastructure networks to support current and future needs.

# CITY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2016

## Questions?

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <b>FURA</b> 6 pm, City Hall	2 <b>Holly Jolly Follies</b> 7 pm, FEC	3 <b>Holly Jolly Follies</b> 2 & 7 pm, FEC
4 <b>Holly Jolly Follies</b> 2 pm, FEC	5 <b>City Council</b> 6 pm, City Hall	6	7	8	9 <b>PeaceHealth Town Hall</b> 12:30 pm, FEC	10 <b>PeaceHealth Light Up a Life</b> 2 pm, FEC
11	12	13 <b>Planning Commission</b> 7 pm, City Hall	14 <b>City Council Work Session</b> 8:30 am, <i>Driftwood Shores</i> <b>Jazz Kings Christmas Show</b> 7:30 pm, FEC	15	16	17
18	19 <b>City Council</b> 6 pm, City Hall	20	21	22	23	24
25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26 City Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve with Curtis Salgado</b> 9 pm, FEC 