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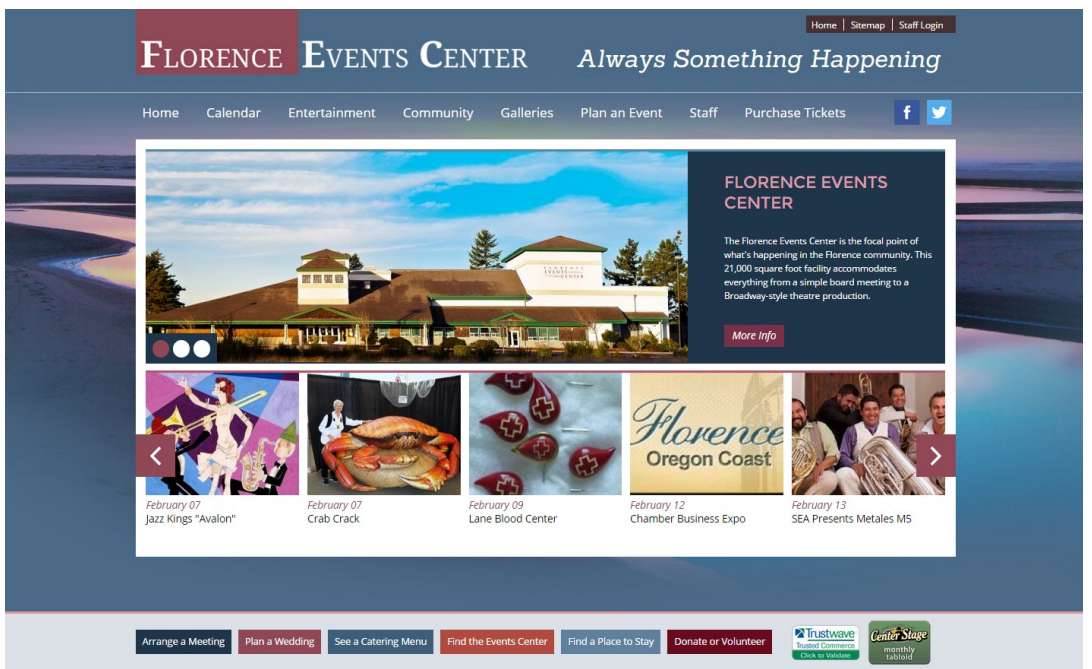
Explore the New Florence Events Center Website

The City of Florence is pleased to announce the redesigned Florence Events Center website. Over the past few months, staff have been hard at work to make the website more informative, user friendly, and easier to navigate.

One of the main goals for the website redesign was to provide a website that reflected the amazing facility that we have right here in Florence. We wanted to highlight the artistry that can be found in the galleries, the outstanding entertainment provided, and the wide array of possible uses for the facility.

Aside from being aesthetically pleasing, our new layout allows you to find information about upcoming shows and events with an easy to use carousel that provides a quick look at our featured events. We will also be adding links to purchase tickets in the event information for each event so you can easily navigate the ticket purchasing website.

This newly revamped website will always be a work in progress. We will continue to update the website regularly with new events and facility information. Please feel free to explore the updates at www.eventcenter.org. If you have any questions or comments regarding the content, an upcoming event, or would like to volunteer, please contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jan Wines Communications Center Supervisor

Jan Wines has been a member of the Florence Police Department since 2004. Over her tenure, Jan has served as a Communications Officer (commonly known as dispatcher), Communications Training Officer, Accreditation Manager, and she now serves as Communications Center Supervisor. Before landing in Florence, Jan worked in Public Safety Communications in Virginia, West Virginia, Utah, and in Salem, Oregon. Prior to providing emergency communications, she served as a firefighter/paramedic.

Jan is originally from the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where her sister, two brothers, and 42 nieces and nephews live. In her free time, Jan's enjoys researching family history, coin collecting, and reading historical, biographical, political science and foreign affairs works.

What are your main job functions?

"As Communications Supervisor, I supervise the six other Communications Officers. Some of my additional responsibilities include: acting as a liaison between other Emergency Services agencies and Dispatch Operations, records management for the Police Department, and a myriad of other tasks."

What do you enjoy most about your job?

"As cliché as it may sound, the part I like most in my job is the opportunity to help others on an individual basis."

Do you have any rewarding moments you would like to share?

"There have been several moments in my career at Florence that I feel so blessed to have been allowed to experience: providing CPR instructions on the phone to keep a person going until medics can arrive and the person survives, helping a caller restore hope in their lives rather than ending their life, consoling a scared young child who called 911 for his mother, and finally – probably my greatest reward is the folks that I work with – Florence Police Department, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire, Mapleton Fire, and Swisshome/Deadwood Fire Departments."

What is the strangest request or incident you have experienced?

"There have been so many here in Florence. Everything from asking at what temperature Lasagna should be baked to an individual sure that there was a subspace signal being broadcast over the whole area. This job is never boring!"

Do you have anything else you would like to share?

I started my Dispatch career in a small town and I very grateful to have the opportunity to finish out my career in a small town. Florence is a great place to live and work; I am glad to be here.

EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

Joshua Thomas
Patrol Officer



Officer Joshua Thomas is a Florence native. He graduated from Siuslaw High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon, where he also played football.

Officer Thomas was sworn in on Jan. 7th. He graduated from Siuslaw High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon, where he also played football. Josh started working for the Florence Police Department as a Communications Officer in May 2012. Interim Police Chief Lynn Lamm hired Josh as a Police Officer in January 2015, and he is now in the process of completing the 16-week Basic Police Academy at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem.

Once he has completed the Academy, Officer Thomas will complete a 16 week Field Training Program where he will ride with a Field Training Officer (FTO) in Florence. This time is spent to support and enhance the training he will receive at the Academy, to learn department policies and procedures, and to make sure he can put all of his training into practical use while on patrol.

Florence Public Works Street Rehabilitation Project

Your Street Maintenance Dollars at Work

Before: West Park Drive (WPD)



Stormwater Not Draining



Rough Surfaces & Breaks



WPD Slopes & Curb



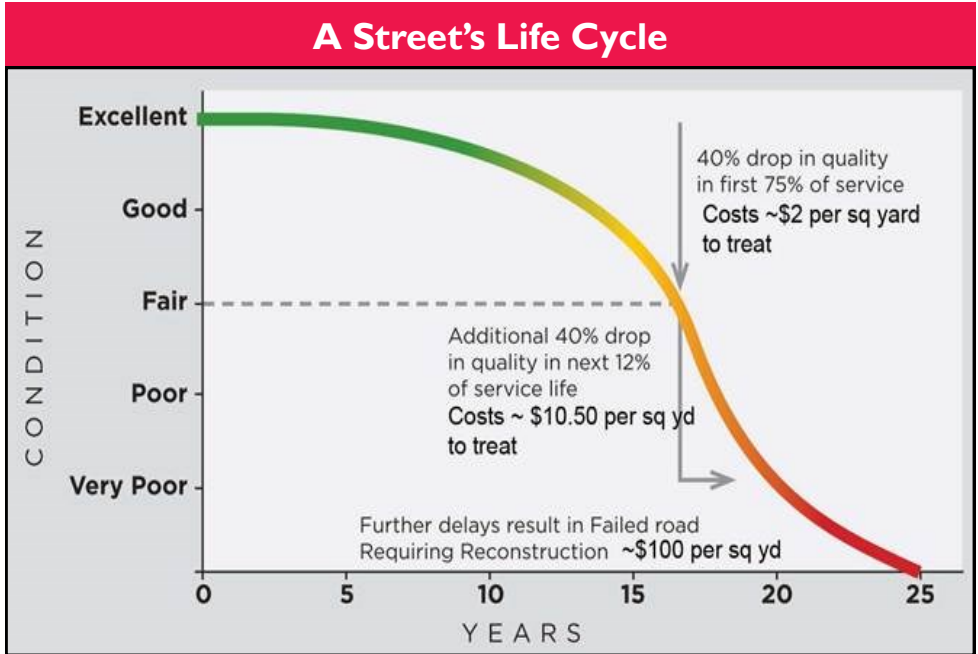
The City of Florence’s Pavement Condition Survey report was completed in December of 2014. A Pavement Condition Survey is done once every 3-4 years, with our last one having been completed in December of 2010. The survey is a visual pavement assessment that establishes a pavement condition index (PCI) for the City street network. PCI is a numerical index between 0 and 100 used to indicate the condition of the roadway. It is widely used in transportation and engineering and is a statistical measure of the condition of the pavement. The PCI survey provides us with objective, factual information regarding our street network and quantifies the needs.

Florence streets received an overall rating of 71, and our street rating as a whole has stayed at a “good” rating for the last several years, due in large part to our crack sealing program and the \$1,515,376 spent since 2012 to maintain and rehabilitate many of our streets.

If funding were not a problem, in five years we would spend \$7.5 million, have \$0 in deferred maintenance, and a PCI of 81 (“very good”). If we were to maintain the streets at the current funding level, we would spend \$325,000 per year, our PCI would be at 73, and deferred maintenance would increase to \$6.1 million.

A typical street’s life cycle can vary depending on a number of factors. These factors include weather and the types of traffic conditions the street experiences. The City of Florence has a robust annual Street Maintenance Program that is especially designed to lengthen the life cycle of a street and reduce the cost on citizens.

Street surface maintenance is an essential requirement in order for the Street Division to meet its long term goal of providing a high quality and efficient multi-modal transportation system that recognizes every citizen should be able to travel on our streets and to have a variety of transportation choices. The City is committed to transportation enhancement through road improvements and the provision of high quality trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks.



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WPD: Stormwater Catch Basin



Last summer, crews were hard at work on our Street Maintenance Program. This work has continued over the fall and winter months as we work to rehabilitate streets needing more than just routine maintenance. While such work is inconvenient for people who live in the neighborhoods affected by the construction, the support and cooperation of these citizens is greatly appreciated!

WPD: Removing the old asphalt



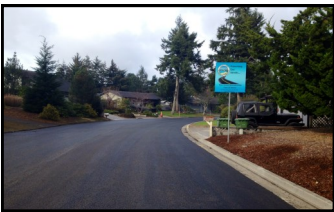
Recently, a considerable amount of rehabilitation work has been completed on West Park Drive from 18th Street north to its terminus and is under way on 21st Street from Highway 101 to Oak Street. These rehabilitation projects involve removing the existing pavement and base rock material, and then reconstructing and repaving the street. Crews are also replacing the curbs and gutters to help mitigate stormwater run-off and ensure the curb ramps and sidewalks are ADA compliant.

WPD Paving



Even though a street rehabilitation project is expensive (because it requires the complete rebuilding of the street), it is also a necessary part of the street's life cycle. The street maintenance fee helps to provide the City with the funds to maintain our streets safely and economically. The City is leveraging the street maintenance fee by borrowing additional funds to complete larger projects like this one.

WPD Rehabilitation Complete



For more information about this and other Public Works projects, please contact the Public Works Department at 541-997-4106.

Below: Before and during photos of 21st St. These pictures show the uneven and broken street surface, with curb slopes not meeting ADA requirements.

Poor Drainage



Uneven Slopes & Curbs



New Curbs and Gutters



New Sidewalks

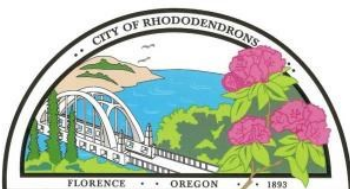


Preserving Our Streets...



Your Street Maintenance Fees at Work!

For Project Information: 541-997-4106



Watch Us On **vimeo**

Watch Past City Council Meetings Online

Can't make a Monday night meeting? No problem. Videos of Florence City Council meetings are now available online. City Council meetings will now be posted to the City of Florence Vimeo website the day following the meeting. If you can't attend meetings in person or do not have access to Channel 191 through Charter, visit vimeo.com/florenceoregon to watch meetings online. Agendas will be provided in the description of each video and will include timestamps for each topic.

Win a Gourmet Dinner for 10 People

How would you like to treat yourself and nine of your friends to a gourmet prime rib dinner for just \$10? The Florence Senior Center is offering an opportunity for you to do just that with their annual dinner raffle fundraiser.

Senior Center chef Larry Osgood will be preparing a five course feast for ten people. The winner of the raffle will be drawn on St. Patrick's Day. The raffle is open to the community and all ages are encouraged to participate.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the activities and operations of the Florence Senior Center. The Senior Center offers daily meals and a variety of classes and activities for area seniors 60 or older.

Only 300 tickets will be sold, so don't delay. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood, between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. You can call 541-997-8844 to reserve a ticket in your name. Senior Center Board Members also have tickets for sale.



City Council Goals—Establishing a Work Plan

Over the past two months, the City Council has been discussing their goals for the upcoming year. Below, the Iowa League of Cities outlines the purpose of goal setting:

“The goal setting process assists policy leaders in developing a future focus, discuss issues and opportunities facing the community, set strategic directions, and determine priorities. Council goal setting also provides a clear message to city staff members as to what the council aims to accomplish in the upcoming planning period. Additionally, goal setting can provide valuable direction for developing the annual budget and capital improvements program, allocating staff resources and other important city functions.”

During the December goal setting session the City Council was able to learn more about the operations of the City, review what has been done in the past, and share their ideas for what direction they saw the City moving for the future. City staff facilitated the goal setting session as well as provided information and insight into the operation of the City.

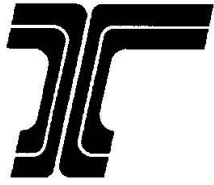
Since the December meeting, staff has compiled the information discussed by the City Council into a work plan that outlines the goals as well as objectives and tasks associated with each of those goals. The City Council reviewed the draft work plan at their January work session and have provided more input. The next step is for staff to add that input into the draft work plan and present it to the City Council for adoption at a future meeting.

The draft City Council Goals for 2015 are to:

1. Deliver efficient and cost effective City services;
2. Expand and diversify the Florence economy;
3. Improve the City's livability and quality of life;
4. Sustain the City's strong financial position;
5. Strengthen and Improve the City's Organization and Capital Plan;
6. Improve the City's communication program to better tell the City's story and strengthen citizen trust where possible; and
7. Improve the community's safety and perception of safety.



Florence City Council (left to right): Councilor George Lyddon, Councilor Susy Lacer, Mayor Joe Henry, Council President Joshua Greene, Council Vice President Ron Preisler



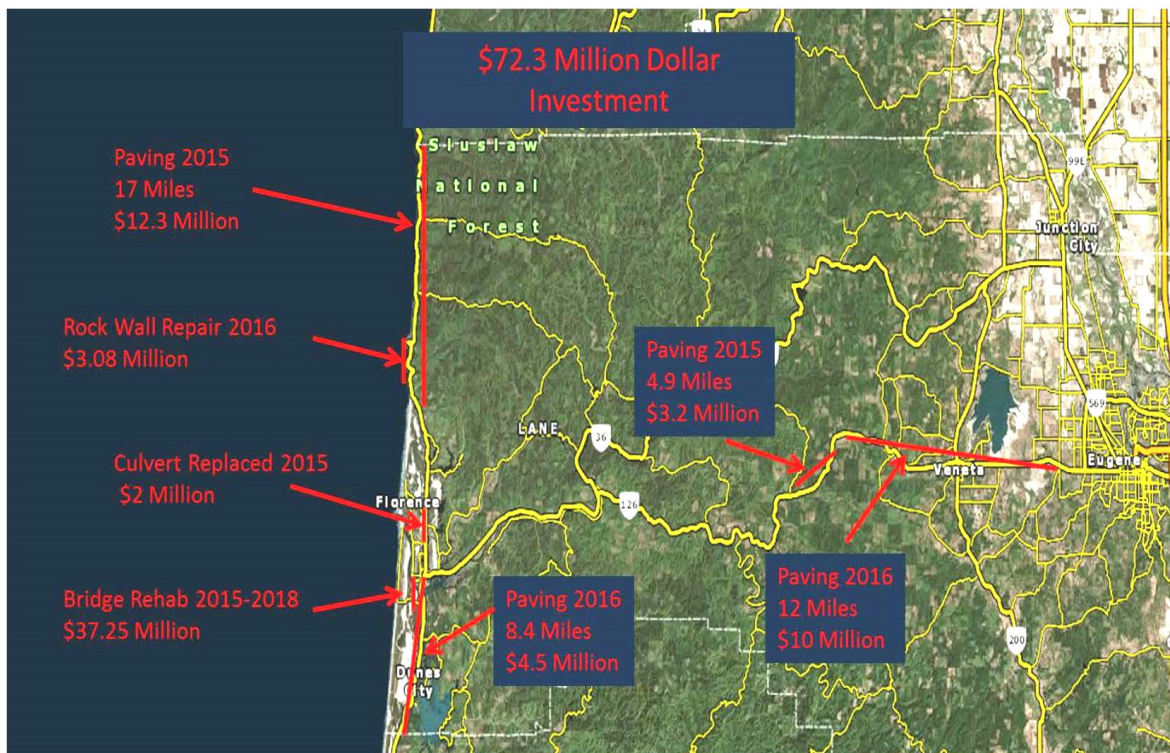
Oregon Department of Transportation
Coast Investments 2014-2016
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Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Lincoln, Benton and Lane Counties

ODOT to invest \$72 million in and on-the-way to Florence between 2015 and 2016

FLORENCE— The Oregon Department of Transportation will invest as much as \$72 million in highway improvements to US 101 and OR 126 between 2015 and 2016.



Seven Major Projects planned in 2015 & 2016

Beginning this year, major projects will preserve the Siuslaw River Bridge, improve safety and pave US 101 north of Florence, rebuild a major part of the storm drainage system in Florence, and repave and add safety enhancements to OR 126, the vital link between Eugene and Florence.

US 101: Siuslaw River Bridge (2015-2018) \$37.25 Million

- Repair damaged concrete
- Replace bridge railings
- Make seismic retrofits
- Construct ADA sidewalks at ends of bridge
- Install zinc coating to protect steel reinforcement bar (cathodic protection)

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US 101: Cook's Chasm-Sutton Creek (2015) \$12.3 Million

- Repave 17 miles of highway (MP 167.23-184.8)
- Widen four curves to enhance safety for vehicles and bicyclists
- Install centerline rumble strips to reduce cross over crashes
- Replace guardrail as needed

Region 2 Culvert Project (2015) Appx. \$2 Million

- Repair existing drainage system
- Install new lining system along Quincy Street
- Replace culvert beneath US 101 at MP 189

OR 126: Chickahominy to Poterf Creek (2015) \$3.2 Million

- Repave the full width of the highway between MP 32.55 and 37.44
- Install centerline rumble strips to reduce cross over crashes

US 101: Sea Lion Point Rock Wall (2016) \$3.08 Million

- Restore structural integrity and aesthetic appearance of the historic rock wall
- Erect interpretive signing
- Replace bridge railing on a half-viaduct at MP 166.48

US 101: OR 126 to Douglas County Line (2016) \$4.5 Million

- Replace pavement for entire length of MP 190.22 to MP 198.58
- Pavement replacement will be combination of overlay and grind and pave
- ADA ramps and other safety features to be upgraded
- Feasibility of adding bike lane will be considered but not at the cost of losing parking spaces

OR 126: Torrence Rd.-W.11th Street (2016) \$10 Million STIP request

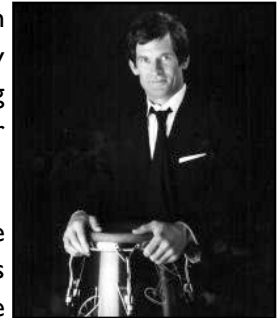
- Repave highway from MP 40.70 to 52.69

For updated information on highway work and current travel information throughout Oregon, visit www.tripcheck.com or call the toll-free Oregon road report at 511 or (800) 977-6368. Visit the ODOT News Media Center at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/.

The above information was provided by ODOT.

Red & White Ballroom featuring Johnny Martin

Grab your sweetheart, put on your dancing shoes, and come to "The Red and White Ballroom featuring Johnny Martin" – a swing dance party for Valentine's Day.



Included in the evening's festivities is a four-course gourmet dinner with choice of entrée, either beef filet or chicken piccata. Bottles of red and white wine from Sweet Cheeks Winery will be featured on each table. Premium seating is \$55 per person and general admission is \$49.

Catch the romantic spirit of this incredible evening. Johnny Martin is "A singer in the tradition of Frank Sinatra. An entertainer with the energy of Louis Prima."

As Mr. Martin himself puts it, "I try to demonstrate in a relaxed and amusing way, that jazz can be fun and that love never goes out of style."

An affable musician with an unforgettable voice, Mr. Martin honors the past performers of radio and stage, with just the right amount of humor. With blue eyes and bold emotion, Johnny takes the lyrics of the past and makes them swing like new! It takes talent and he's got it.

His reputation hangs on every song.



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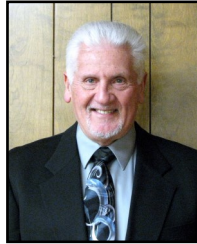
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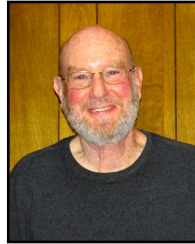
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Work Session
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 12:00 PM

Regular Meetings
Monday, Feb. 2, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6:00 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 and materials call 541-997-3437 or visit www.ci.florence.or.us.

COUNCIL GOALS


2015 Council Goals Coming Soon!



CITY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 2015

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	2 City Council 7 pm, City Hall	3	4	5	6  Seacoast Entertainment Association	7 Jazz Kings Avalon 1:30 pm, FEC Crab Crack 4 pm, FEC
8	9	10 Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	11	12 Chamber Business Expo 3—7 pm, FEC	13 Metales M5 7 pm, FEC CROW's Share Your Heart 7 pm, FEC	14 Happy Birthday, Oregon! Red & White Ballroom featuring Johnny Martin 6—9 pm, FEC
15	16  City Hall & FEC Closed	17 Work Session 12 pm, City Hall City Council 6 pm, City Hall	18 TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall FURA Meeting 6:30 pm, City Hall	19 EMAC 1 pm, City Hall	20	21 Indoor Yard Sale 8 am—2 pm, FEC
22	23	24 Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	25	26	27 Yesterday — A Tribute to The Beatles 7 pm, FEC	28 Peach Health Heart to Heart 9 am—2 pm, FEC