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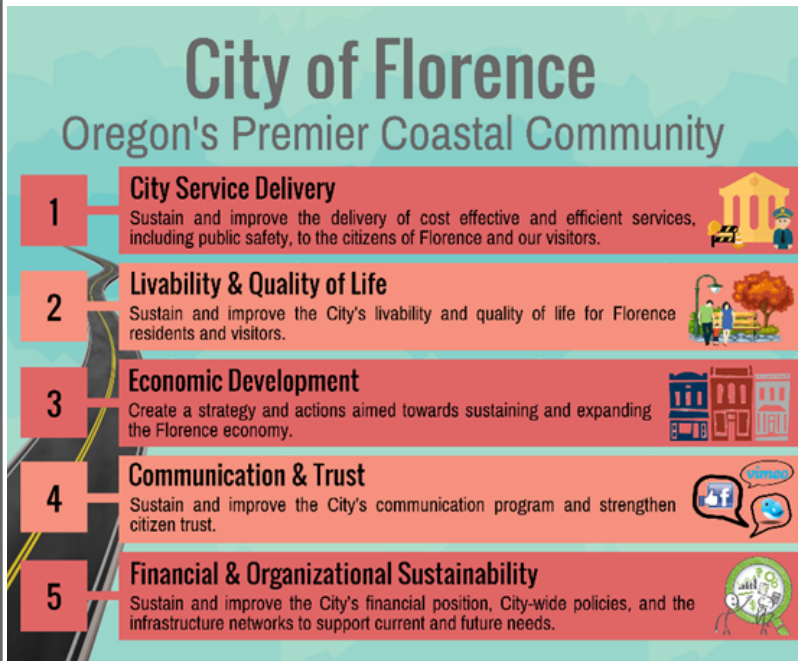
## 2017 State of the City

On January 30, 2017, 150 community members gathered at the Florence Events Center for the 2017 State of the City – an evening filled with information about the City of Florence's accomplishments over the past year and a look ahead at what the future holds for the City of Florence. The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the evening as a Business After Hours event and raffled off a rhododendron from Bones Nursery to celebrate Florence as the City of Rhododendrons. Local Boy Scout Troop 721 kicked off the evening by presenting the flags and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. We thank them for their participation in the State of the City!



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Prior to Mayor Henry's speech, City Manager Erin Reynolds debuted the City of Florence: A City in Motion video. The City Council and staff worked with Gary and Cyndie Quinn to produce the 10-minute video showcasing services that the City provides, as well as some upcoming projects. We are excited to share what YOUR City government is working on and what we love about the Florence community. You can view the video on the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/city-motion-video](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/city-motion-video).



*Mayor Henry discussed these five City Council Goals at the 2017 State of the City.*

turned into action and results. We are making significant progress on the City's work plan. The success we have experienced as a City is a direct result of the change in the culture of our City and the support of our community.

"The Florence City Council is entering their third year together. My position as Mayor and the two open Council positions ran un-opposed in the November 2016 election. I often say that can mean one of two things – people are generally happy with what we are doing or they've given up. I believe they are happy.

"Today, I am pleased to tell you that we can truly say that we are a City in Motion! Let's look at some achievements. Tonight, I will highlight a few of these achievements from 2016 with plenty of pictures, because a picture is worth 1,000 words, and talk about what's next for 2017. The coming year is action-packed, with several once-in-a-generation projects planned."

Mayor Henry went on to discuss the achievements and what's next for each of the five City Council Goals and our vision of becoming Oregon's Premier Coastal Community. He closed the evening with the following remarks.

"When I began my first term as Mayor it was apparent to me that, in order to accomplish any of the action items in our challenging work plan, the culture of our City Council and our administration had to change. Under the leadership of our City Council and City Manager Erin Reynolds and a very dedicated staff, our volunteers, and most importantly with the support of our wonderful community, that very thing has happened.

Mayor Henry provided the 2017 State of the City address outlining the City Council Goals (shown to the left), the accomplishments of 2016, and what is in store for 2017.

Mayor Henry said in his introduction, "In early 2015, the new City Council was sworn in and created a City work plan based on seven City Council Goals and our City Mission. Early on we talked about our dream of being a City in Motion and all the things that we were 'Going to Do.' It's easy to *talk* about what you are 'going to do' — *doing* it is the hard part.

"In 2016, we streamlined that City work plan down to five City Council Goals that you have heard us speak about many times. After seeing the City in Motion video and hearing from me tonight, you will see our dream is no longer a dream. Instead, it is a daily reality and has



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“Two years ago, if you would have asked me what I thought my first two years as Mayor would be like, I would not have been close! All in all, it has been fun and exciting to be a part of moving our City forward. I would encourage our citizens to get involved through our various volunteer opportunities and join our City in Motion. I am proud to have served as your Mayor, and I am looking forward to my second term.”

You can watch the full 2017 State of the City address and view the accompanying presentation online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/council/2017-state-city](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/2017-state-city).

## Winter Music Festival Kids Concerts

The tradition of the Kids Concert has been part of the Winter Music Festival since its inception in 2002. The Kids' Concerts are free performances held for local school children, just days before the onset of the annual Winter Music Festival folk festivities at the Florence Events Center.

More than 900 students filled the auditorium of the Florence Events Center on Thursday, January 12, to hear a traditional folk musical. Two concerts, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m., featured the trio Cabin Fever NW, a favorite of past Winter Music Festival audiences. With guitars and a banjo, the performers told tales of covered wagons, dusty trails, and orphan trains.



*Local students filled the auditorium of the Florence Events Center for the Winter Music Festival Kids' Concert on January 12.*

In preparation for the show, school teachers were supplied with music materials in advance. Classes kindergarten through fifth grade explored the song lyrics and themes, in addition to coloring pages that were created by Siuslaw High School art students. The student art was displayed on the walls for the duration of the Winter Music Festival.



*Cabin Fever NW performs at the Florence Events Center for the Winter Music Festival Kids' Concert.*

“The Winter Music Festival [previously the Winter Folk Festival] is the cultural event of the season in Florence,” said Siuslaw Elementary School Principal Mike Harklerode. “It is both heartwarming and inspiring to see several hundred students bouncing and singing along with talented artists.”

Plans for next year are already in the works to expand the children's musical education with a Celtic blend of music and lively folk instruments.

The Mapleton Community Foundation donates funds every year to support the Kids Concerts. Additional support comes from the community and from the sponsors of the event, the Friends of the Florence Events Center.

## Water, Stormwater, and Roadway Improvement Project Update

### Rhododendron Drive - 9th to Highway 101 Kingwood Street – 2nd to Rhododendron Drive

The City's contractor, Carter & Company, Inc., has been busy installing retaining walls, 16-inch and 12-inch water mains, and the 36-inch stormwater pipe crossing of Rhododendron at Hemlock Street. They have been doing all of this work during sunny, rainy, and snowy days.

During December and January, the contractor completed the installation of all of the 16-inch water main along Rhododendron Drive from 9th Street to Kingwood Street and along Kingwood Street between 2nd and Rhododendron Drive. They also installed the 12-inch water main on Rhododendron Drive from Kingwood Street to Highway 101. The other water related items that have been completed are:

- New water services along Kingwood Street which replace the old poly pipe water services with new HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) service lines
- New fire hydrants along Kingwood Street.

Water related items that still need to be completed include:

- New water services on Rhododendron Drive
- Completion of the tie-ins to the existing water mains
- Pressure testing of the new water system
- Disinfection and flushing of the new water system
- Water sampling – to ensure that the water system is clean and safe for use
- Placing the water system in service
- Abandonment of the old water systems.

The contractor installed the 36-inch stormwater pipe crossing at Hemlock Street. This stormwater pipe and crossing is for a future stormwater project that will extend



*Carter & Company installing the new 16-inch water main on Rhododendron Drive in a dusting of snow.*



*Connecting the new 36-inch PVC stormwater pipe to the existing 24-inch concrete pipe. Installing the crossing now eliminates the need to excavate Rhododendron Drive in the future.*



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a 36-inch stormwater pipe from 6th and Juniper Street, west along 6th Street to Hemlock Street, and south along Hemlock Street from 6th Street to the recently completed stormwater project on 1st Street.

Stormwater items that still need to be completed include:

- Installation of the new 42-inch culvert on Rhododendron Drive next to the City wastewater treatment plant, including concrete headwalls
- 15-inch and 18-inch stormwater pipes along Kingwood between 2nd Street and Rhododendron Drive.

The gravity block retaining walls are almost complete. The contractor had been in a holding pattern until crews from Central Lincoln PUD had an opportunity to remove and relocate a utility pole on the north side of Rhododendron Drive. Now that the pole has been relocated, the contractor can proceed with finishing the retaining wall system.



*Installing gravity block retaining wall on the south side of Rhododendron Drive.*

As the project continues, the contractor will begin the concrete demolition work for the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvements on Rhododendron Drive between Highway 101 and Greenwood Street.



*Setting new fire hydrant at the southwest corner of Rhododendron and Kingwood.*

Once all of 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 road surface once the project is complete.

Florence Public Works would like to extend our thanks to the public for their patience as we progress with this very important project which will bring improved water supplies for fire suppression to the Hospital and surrounding area. The contractor and City continue to work to minimize inconveniences to the residents that live along the route of the construction.

The project is on track to be completed by the end of March 2017, weather permitting. As a reminder, please proceed cautiously through the work zones or take alternate routes when necessary.

## Providing Accessible Sidewalks

Sidewalks have a way of tying together neighborhoods. When sidewalks are good, the neighborhood becomes a more desirable place to live. Sidewalks serve so many purposes: recreation space for joggers, children with tricycles and pull toys, an informal meeting place for neighbors, and encouragement for people to make use of the most basic form of transportation – walking.



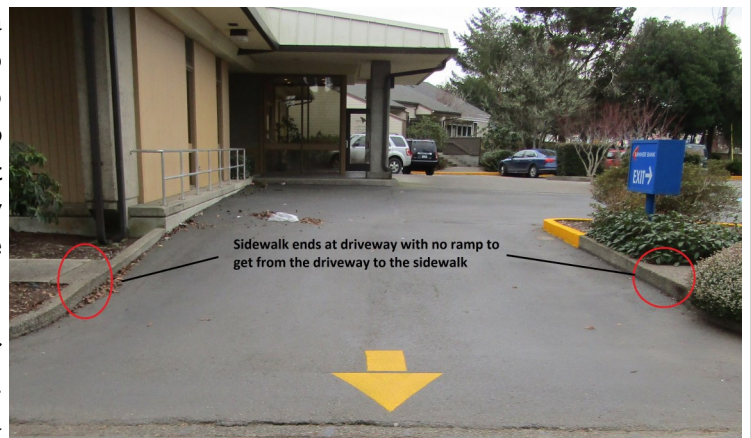
*What's wrong with this? Circled in red (bottom of photo) is a vertical separation of more than ¼-inch. The circled area towards the top of the photo is the drop off/step up creating a barrier to pedestrian traffic since there is not a ramp.*

To meet the needs of all sidewalk users, we must have an understanding of the wide range of abilities that are in our community. Sidewalks, like roadways, are designed to serve all users. This includes children, older people, parents with strollers, pedestrians who have vision impairments, and people using wheelchairs and other assistive devices. Just as a roadway is not designed for one single type of vehicle, sidewalks are not limited to only one type of user. Because the sidewalk is a basic unit of mobility within our system of transportation, every route and facility must be usable.

As the community grows and becomes diversified, we hear from community members regarding accessibility barriers. Although sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, the City works with property owners to correct barriers. One such project that will begin very soon is a section of sidewalk on the south side of 8th Street between the US Post Office and

Highway 101. In this project the City and Banner Bank are cooperatively working together, where the City will manage the project and pay for the new sidewalk ramps and Banner Bank will pay for the costs associated with repairing the trip hazards.

The sidewalk along Banner Bank's property has several trip hazards where tree roots have heaved the sidewalks or where the sidewalk has settled over time, creating vertical separations (elevation changes) in excess of ¼-inch. An elevated grade change as little as ¼-inch can act as a barrier to pedestrian traffic or cause a person to trip and fall. The City is working with Banner Bank to improve pedestrian safety to eliminate the trip hazards, but more importantly, installing ramps so that residents and visitors alike who have mobility impairments can safely travel the entire length of the sidewalk without having to enter the roadway.



Sidewalk ends at driveway with no ramp to get from the driveway to the sidewalk

Currently, the sidewalk along the property of Banner Bank ends at the driveways with a drop off or step. Even for a person without a disability, walking along a sidewalk and having to step down or step up to continue forward along the travel path can create a barrier.

*The areas circled in red show the barrier to pedestrians. A ramp is necessary to allow the transition from the driveway to the sidewalk.*



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New pedestrian ramps will be much safer for everyone and provide easier access for anyone who has a disability or visual impairment, or who uses a wheelchair or other assistive device. Not only will this project facilitate safe conditions for pedestrians, it also makes it safe for the motoring public by keeping pedestrians, including people who use wheelchairs or other assistive devices, out of the roadway. These improvements serve the greater good and provide a great sense of equality for all Florence residents.



*Example (circled in red) of a severe settlement resulting in an uneven sidewalk and tripping hazard.*

Detectable warning surfaces, the raised bumps that indicate to pedestrians who have impaired vision when the sidewalk begins and ends, will be installed. Cracked portions of the sidewalk will be replaced to create a smooth surface, reducing the risk of tripping accidents. Once completed, the project will provide a continuous pedestrian pathway between Maple Street and Highway 101.

## Volunteer at the Florence Events Center!



*Benjamin Cahoon, Siuslaw High School Senior, art participant, and youth member of the Friends of the Florence Events Center Board of Directors, volunteers at the Florence Events Center.*

A call for new volunteers is going out for all aspects of altruism at the Florence Events Center. The Friends of the Florence Events Center has a long-standing history of volunteerism. Without the thousands of hours given each year by this team of committed volunteers, the Florence Events Center would not function.

Cindy Orstead began volunteering in 2010. "After my husband passed, I was looking for something to fill my spare time and walked into the Florence Events Center." When asked what she likes best about volunteering Cindy replied, "I like everything! The people, the shows and learning new stuff. I don't think there's anything about this place I don't like."

Opportunities for volunteers include: ushering, taking tickets, working backstage, helping with room set-up, art gallery set-up, office support, and fundraising for the Friends of the Florence Events Center.

Being a volunteer requires a minimal training orientation to find out what the interests of the volunteer might be. The average number of hours a volunteer may donate range

from 2 to 20 per month. For more information call Sandi Anderson, Office and Volunteer Coordinator, at 541-997-1994, or drop by the office at 715 Quince Street, during regular business hours.

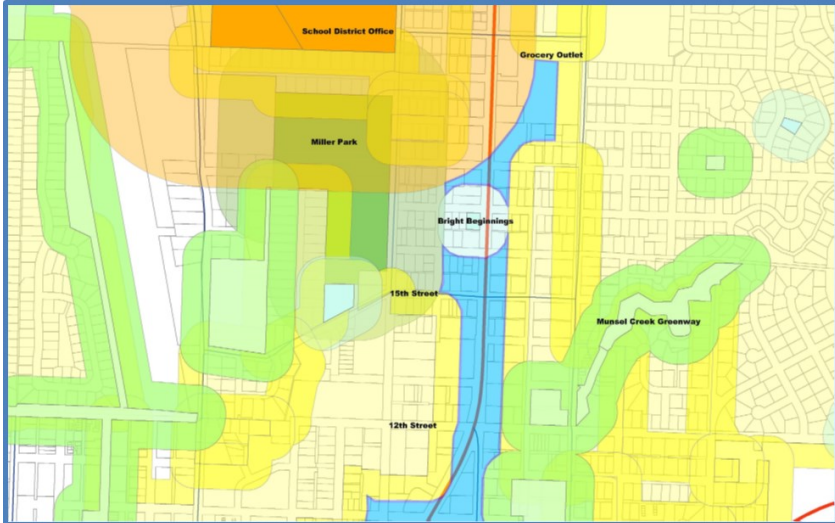
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## Have Questions about Marijuana Businesses?

The city set regulations in December 2015 on where and how marijuana can be produced (grown), processed (manufactured), tested, and sold both through wholesale and retail medical and recreational stores.

Details about which zoning districts these activities are permitted can be found in a table entitled [Where Can Someone...](#)<sup>1</sup> at the City's website. After viewing the table, visit the City of Florence [Zoning Map](#)<sup>2</sup> to see where these zones are located. Policies related to marijuana business operations can be found in [Chapter 4](#)<sup>3</sup> of Title 10 of City on pages 7-8.

Included in these policies are buffers between retail sales of recreational and medical marijuana stores and day cares, parks, residential zones and certain schools listed under ORS 339.020 & 030 (1)(a). Maps of these buffers are available at [Buffer Map w/ Property Availability](#)<sup>4</sup>. The buffers are for informational purposes only and demonstrate available properties outside of City-regulated buffers, but do not account for possible differences on-site which may rule out that property's use for a retail sales or medical marijuana dispensary business. Contact the Florence Planning Department for questions regarding specific sites.



Visit the [Buffer Map](#) page at the third link below to see full-size buffer maps.



Do you see a yellow land use pending sign in town? Find out more about the project and others by visiting the [Planning Development webpage](#)<sup>5</sup>. Or if you want to just cut to the chase...call the Planning Department at 541-997-8237 and we will be happy to answer your questions.

The [Oregon Liquor Control Commission](#)<sup>6</sup> website is also a valuable source of information providing an [interactive map](#)<sup>7</sup> of locations of retailers and labs, licensing application and forms, laws and rules, worker permit information, and a [Frequently Asked Questions](#)<sup>8</sup> Page.

1 [http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/900/where\\_can\\_someone\\_table.pdf](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/900/where_can_someone_table.pdf)

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4 [http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/900/availability\\_-\\_all\\_maps.pdf](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/900/availability_-_all_maps.pdf)

5 <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/planning/land-use-application-pending>

6 <http://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Pages/default.aspx>

7 <http://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5b1c97ec0b34471bbba6dda8830f7628>

8 <http://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>



## Citing the Municipal Code

Hello Florence,

It is that time again; time to share information about part of our City Code. I would like to share information about the Nuisance Code this month, as I have had to respond to a lot of nuisance complaints lately. The nuisance code is broad and covers many situations regarding safety, appearance, and overall livability in Florence.



*Garbage accumulation is considered a nuisance.*

Under the nuisance code you are not allowed to accumulate garbage outside of your home. The accumulation of garbage tends to draw in wild animals (including rats) that get into garbage and spread it around. The wind will then scatter the garbage around the neighborhood, leading to your neighbors having to pick up garbage out of their yards to maintain the appearance of their property.

The nuisance code also states that when your property becomes unsightly it is deemed to be a nuisance. That means that if your yard is full of any items that make it appear cluttered with stuff, it could be deemed a nuisance.

Cars are another issue with the nuisance code. The code states that the accumulation of one or more junk vehicles constitutes a nuisance, and they need to be contained in an enclosed building (garage).

The Nuisance Code, as well as all of the City Codes, can be viewed at the City’s Website, [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us). Let’s all do our part to keep our community looking great, and follow the nuisance code.

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.



*The accumulation of junk vehicles constitutes a nuisance; junk vehicles need to be kept in a garage.*

Thank you,

Dan Frazier, Code Enforcement Officer

Contact: [dan.frazier@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:dan.frazier@ci.florence.or.us) | 541-902-2180

### 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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## Recorder's Corner

### News from the January Council Meetings

January marks the time in the City of Florence for evaluation of the City's accomplishments from the prior year and for making new goals for the new year (as well as plans to accomplish those goals). The Council met on January 11 to consider their 2017 Council Goals and the inherent Work Plan for the City.

During January the City Council also completed the following:

- ◆ Approval of an agreement with RH2 Engineering for engineering services for the Hwy 101 Sewer Extension project
- ◆ Approval of an agreement with HGE, Inc. for architectural services to complete the Florence City Hall remodel
- ◆ Beginning of New Terms for the City Council including...
  - ◇ Oath of offices for Mayor Joe Henry, and Councilors Joshua Greene and Ron Preisler,
  - ◇ Reappointment of Councilor Greene as City Council president and Councilor Preisler as City Council Vice-President, and
  - ◇ Approval of the Council Rules of Procedure, including amendment to the Council meeting start time to 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Approval of an agreement with the Oregon Department of Revenue to complete the implementation of the City's Florence Recreational Marijuana Tax
- ◆ Approval of a change in ownership liquor license for Jerry's Place located at 88274 Rhododendron Drive
- ◆ Reports on the City's Well Rehabilitation program and Biennial Budgeting options.

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 from all Council meetings and actions is available on the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us).

## City Council Meetings - Time Change to 5:30 p.m.



At the Monday, January 9, 2017 Florence City Council meeting, the City Council voted to change their standard meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to **5:30 p.m.** This change will become effective as of the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting.

In general, the Florence City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. For more information about the Florence City Council, including the full 2017 City Council calendar, please visit the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us), or contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).



## Florence Economic Update

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

#### RAIN Kicks Off 2017 with Speed Pitch Competition, Coastal Pre-accelerator Debut

Newly-appointed coastal venture catalyst David Youngentob, of the Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN), has wasted no time raising the bar for Florence entrepreneurs. A few weeks ago he hosted the Startup Speed Pitch Kickoff, where he also announced details on the inaugural RAIN Coastal Pre-accelerator program. The kickoff event was held at The Studios and Jayne Smoley Design (1458 1st Street, Florence) a co-op gallery recently taken over and beautifully remodeled by owner Jayne Smoley.



Winner of the speed pitch competition, Acupuncturist and Herbalist Patricia Immel, is continuing to expand Rose & Crown Apothecary, a business that she recently started with her Daughter Sarah Butte here in Florence. As she described on her website, "We are herbalists and licensed health care professionals creating botanically based products to enhance health, beauty, and vitality. Our hope is to inspire and support people in their quest for a vibrant life through conscious self-care. We personally grow and consciously wildcraft many of the medicinal plants used to make our creations. Our botanicals are grown according to organic standards at our coastal, lake side garden. Customers can rely on us to provide the purest, highest quality products."

*Participants at the Startup Speed Pitch Kickoff event are challenged to jump-start their business venture by presenting their business idea, which will hopefully inspire them to move forward with their ideas.*

"This was an exciting opportunity for local innovators to jump-start their business venture. We presented a short-term challenge in the speed pitch competition, but our real hope was that everyone would leave inspired to move their idea forward by applying to our pre-accelerator program," said Youngentob, who was hired as RAIN's Coastal Venture Catalyst last November.



*The Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) hosted a Startup Speed Pitch Kickoff event, with the hopes of turning business ideas into business startups in Coastal Lane County.*

The pre-accelerator is a 12-week, bootcamp style program for the best and brightest startup companies in Coastal Lane County. The application process opens February 4 and closes on February 27. Four to six companies will be selected for the program, which begins on March 22.

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*David Youngentob congratulates Patricia Immel, winner of the speed pitch competition. Immel will continue to expand Rose & Crown Apothecary here in Florence.*

# RAIN

## OREGON

RAIN began hosting educational and networking events for entrepreneurs on the Oregon Coast in October 2015; however, this is the first multi-week program designed to take early-stage startups from concept stage to launch stage.

If you would like to learn more about RAIN, or if you are interested in applying for the program, you can contact Coastal Venture Catalyst for RAIN David Youngentob at [David@oregonrain.com](mailto:David@oregonrain.com).

## Siuslaw River Bridge Construction Update

### Submitted by the Oregon Department of Transportation

*The following information is provided by ODOT:*

“The Siuslaw River Bridge Project is repairing damaged concrete, replacing bridge railings, and constructing sidewalk features at the bridge ends. A major portion of the project is to install cathodic protection, which will protect the concrete and ensure that this historic and much-loved bridge remains in service for many years to come. Cathodic protection places a zinc coating on the surface of the bridge. The zinc then corrodes from the salty marine air, rather than the steel that supports the bridge. The project began in 2015 and is expected to finish in 2019, after three and a half years of work.

“Unfortunately some of that work does cause a lot of noise. Those structures you see on the bridge are to contain the debris from the sandblasting and zinc coating work being done inside. First, any bits of metal in the concrete have to be removed. Then the concrete is repaired. Sandblasting cleans and prepares the surface, and then zinc is sprayed on. The sandblasting and zincing have to be done together to give the zinc a good surface to adhere to. Replacing the railing causes saw noise as existing railing is removed. Some lane closures are necessary for the safety of the workers and to allow old rails to be moved off and new ones placed.

“We’d like to keep you informed on what to expect from the project, including what hours crews will be working, and what type of work they’re doing. Construction plans usually look several weeks into the future.

“February 6 – 10, crews will be working shifts from 3 a.m. to 10 p.m., sandblasting and spraying zinc coating on the bridge.

“For the latest schedule, please check <http://www.siuslawbridge.com>. If you would like to receive a regular email update of work schedules, contact [angela.beers-seydel@odot.state.or.us](mailto:angela.beers-seydel@odot.state.or.us).” -Oregon Department of Transportation



## Tickets on Sale NOW for the 9th Annual Siuslaw Awards Banquet



Sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the 9th annual Siuslaw Awards will be presented on Wednesday, February 8, at the Florence Events Center from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Admission is \$35 per person. Tables of eight are available for \$280. Tickets are available until February 1 at the Chamber office, 290 Highway 101 in Florence, or by phone, 541-997-3128.

Open to the public, this semi-formal and prestigious event celebrates the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Non-Profit Achievement, Community Caring, Innovation in Business, and the “Stu

Johnston” Business of the Year Award. The 25 businesses nominated are:

**Community Caring:** Banner Bank, City Lights Cinemas, Laurel Bay Gardens

**Curb Appeal:** America’s Mattress, Korando Dental Group, Lovejoy’s Restaurant & Tea Room, Old Town Barbershop

**Excellence In Customer Service:** Banner Bank, City of Florence – Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Dept., Funky Monkey, Hoagland Properties (The River House Inn and Old Town Inn), Lofy Construction & Design, Lovejoy’s Restaurant & Tea Room, Polished Boutique & Salon

**Innovation In Business:** Friends of the Florence Events Center, RAIN Organization (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network)

**Non-Profit Achievement:** Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County, C.R.O.W. (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops), Friends of the Florence Events Center, Oregon Coast Military Museum, Rotary Club of Florence, Siuslaw Watershed Council

**“Stu Johnston” Business of the Year:** City Lights Cinemas, Lofy Construction & Design, Terrace Homes

Two outstanding individuals in the community will also be honored with the Future First Citizen Award and the First Citizen Award. The First Citizen Award recognizes that individual who has given selflessly to the community based on community involvement, leadership, and overall community impact. The Future First Citizen Award recognizes a student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the community.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of their time and efforts in supporting the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

Also featured is a “State of the Chamber” address by Jenna Bartlett, Board President, live entertainment by Denny Weaver, and a delicious buffet created by Pavilion Catering, which OREGON COAST includes gluten-free options.



For more information contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128, or [info@florencechamber.com](mailto:info@florencechamber.com).

## Bicycles Added to Police Fleet



*Officers pose with the newest addition to their fleet, two new bicycles.*

Over the past few years we have been diversifying our Police Department fleet. As we have replaced older, more traditional Police cars, the goal has been to improve our versatility with the new vehicles. Some recent improvements include replacing the Chief's old Crown Victoria with a Ford Truck, adding SUVs to the fleet, and acquiring a military surplus Humvee. These newer vehicles will allow us to better respond in the event of a national disaster and have been a goal for emergency preparedness.

It's not all about emergency preparedness though. The Police Department continues to focus on community-oriented policing and getting out in our community. If you have attended the Rhododendron Festival, the Fourth of July celebrations, the Siuslaw Baseball Association tournament, or any other large event in our community, you have probably seen our

Officers and Reserve Officers out walking the events. Their job is to help ensure that the events run smoothly, and having them present helps them to respond quickly when needed. To assist in this effort, the Police Department has added a new transportation option for patrol: Bicycles!

Bicycles will allow Officers to be more present during events because they can respond more quickly if needed. These new bicycles will also be available to our Officers to patrol areas that are not always easily accessible by vehicles, such as our parks. They will still be parking their vehicles at events, but will now have the ability to utilize the bicycles while out, in addition to foot patrol. We look forward to seeing them out with their new bicycles in Miller Park or at the

## What's Going Up? It's the New Public Works Facility!

After the groundbreaking on January 9, 2017, 2G Construction out of Eugene started work on the new Public Works Operations Facility at the corner of 27th Street and Kingwood. Plans for the new facility include a 5,942 square-foot office building and a 7,754 square-foot maintenance building. The facility will be completed in Summer 2017.





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## City Council Meetings

### Council Chambers

City Hall, 250 Hwy. 101

### Regular Meetings

Mon., Feb. 6, 5:30 PM

Mon., Feb. 27, 5:30 PM  
(Tentative)

### Work Session

Wed., Feb. 8, **CANCELED**

Wed., Feb. 22, **CANCELED**

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: FEBRUARY 2017

## 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	3	4 <b>Florence Crab Crack</b> 4:00 pm, FEC
5	6 <b>City Council</b> 5:30 pm, City Hall	7	8 <b>City Council Work Session</b> Canceled  <b>Siuslaw Awards</b> 6:00 pm, FEC	9	10	11 <b>Jazz Kings</b> 2:00 pm, FEC
12	13 <b>Public Art Committee</b> 10 am, City Hall	14	15 <b>Transit Advisory Committee</b> 1:30 pm, City Hall	16 <b>Environmental Management Advisory Committee</b> 2:00 pm, City Hall	17	18
19	20 <b>Presidents' Day</b> City Offices Closed	21	22 <b>City Council Work Session</b> Canceled  <b>FURA</b> 5:30 pm, City Hall	23	24 <b>Wallflowers &amp; Wine</b> 6:30 pm FEC	25
26 <b>Bria Skonberg</b> 4:00 pm FEC	27 <b>City Council</b> (Tentative) 5:30 pm, City Hall	28 <b>Planning Commission</b> 7 pm, City Hall				