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July 2015

Fireworks Safety Reminder

Florence residents and visitors who plan to include fireworks in their celebration of summer holidays, including Independence Day, should use these safety practices offered by the Oregon State Fire Marshal:

Be Prepared

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Keep pets indoors. They are easily frightened by fireworks.
- Always have water handy, such as from a garden hose or in a bucket.

Be Responsible

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.
- Never relight dud fireworks. Wait 15-20 minutes, then soak them in a bucket of water.

Be Safe

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Light only one device at a time and move away quickly.
- Keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hands.

Be Aware

- Use only legal fireworks.
- Use fireworks only in legal places.

Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, in Oregon state parks, and on state and federal forest lands. The City of Florence also prohibits the use of fireworks in Old Town and on the Port of Siuslaw riverfront property. For more information on fire safety and regulations, visit Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue at www.svfr.org or call 541-997-3212.

Rhody Express Free Shuttle Service

Wings & Wheels/Oregon Coast Military Museum Grand Opening

Are you planning to attend Wings and Wheels at the Florence Municipal Airport or the Grand Opening of the Oregon Coast Military Museum? You don't have to worry about finding parking with the FREE park and ride service provided by the Rhody Express!

The Rhody Express will be making regular trips starting at 9:45 am servicing the Oregon Coast Military Museum and the Wings & Wheels Fly In & Car Show. Just park at the Siuslaw Middle School or Senior Center parking lots and catch a ride on the Rhody Express! Getting back to your vehicle is just as simple by boarding the Rhody Express at the Airport!

The Rhody Express will operate from 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM to 3:15 PM on July 4th. More information is available by calling the Rhody Express at 541-902-2067.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Independence Day Celebrations & Events

Annual BBQ at Banner Bank

July 3rd 11am—2pm

Join Banner Bank for the annual tradition leading into the 4th of July weekend! Visit their familiar faces and enjoy free hot dogs, a book sale, and the Kiwanis Duck!

Oregon Pacific Bank Annual Ice Cream Social

July 3rd 11am—3pm

Join Oregon Pacific Bank for their annual ice cream social, featuring free ice cream from BJ's Ice Cream Parlor and live music during the event.

Florence First Friday in Old Town

July 3rd 5pm—8pm

Historic Old Town Florence and the Antique District will glow as the sun sets in the magic hour and the reflections on the waters of the Siuslaw River calmly bring you into the evening hours as you dine and shop every First Friday until 8PM.

Wings & Wheels Fly-In & Car Show

July 4th 10am—3pm

Visit the annual Wings & Wheels Fly In & Car Show at the Florence Municipal Airport where you will enjoy sights and sounds of general aviation aircraft, vintage cars and hot rods, military vehicles, emergency apparatus and more!

Oregon Coast Military Museum Grand Opening

July 4th 10am—4pm

Join the celebration to open this important museum in our community dedicated to honoring our Veterans while educating the public. There will be a brief ceremony at 12:45 p.m. with the Coast Guard Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem.

Old Town 4th of July Celebration

July 4th, All Day

Historic Old Town is a great place for family fun and celebrating our July 4th traditions. Just think how many 4th of July's Florence has experienced since its founding in the 19th century. Live music at the Port, and a pie/watermelon eating contest are just the start of the festivities, other great activities and attractions include:

- Historical Display of 25 flags related to American history with educational explanation of each flag, and rarely seen editions of the Declaration of Independence will be on display in Historic Old Town, hosted by Raymond Brown and wife in historical attire.
- Music on the Boardwalk in Historic Old Town
 - 6:00 pm C.R.O.W. with a youthful performance.
 - 7:00 pm—8:15 pm Ronnie Jay
 - 8:15 pm—9:30 pm David Wiegen

Old Town Fireworks Display

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

July 4th, Dusk

Join Us Online!

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

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Plan your next event at the
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Call 541-997-1994 or visit
www.eventcenter.org.



Measure 91: Recreational Marijuana

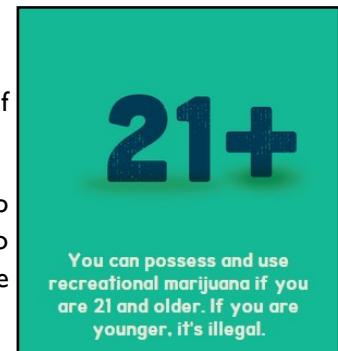
With recreational marijuana becoming legal in Oregon beginning July 1st, the City of Florence has compiled some information for citizens on the ins and outs of the new law. The State of Oregon is still working on finalizing the many aspects of legal recreational marijuana and will continue to do so over the next few years.

As of July 1st, it is legal for adults 21 and older to possess limited amounts of recreational marijuana for personal use. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) has not yet begun licensing retail establishments and therefore it is not legal to sell or buy recreational marijuana. Below is information provided by the OLCC on Measure 91 and what is legal beginning July 1st. For further information on Measure 91 and a full list of FAQs, visit whatslegaloregon.com.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL AGE TO USE IT?

Starting July 1, you can possess and use recreational marijuana if you are 21 and older. If you are younger, it's illegal.

If you're 21 and older, you can also grow up to 4 plants on your property, possess up to 8 ounces of usable marijuana (dried marijuana flowers or leaves that are ready to smoke) in your home and carry up to 1 ounce in public. Recreational marijuana cannot be used in public, however.



WHERE CAN I USE IT?

Starting July 1, adults 21 and older can use recreational marijuana at home or on private property. You can't use recreational marijuana in public places.

Measure 91 defines a public place as "a place to which the general public has access and includes, but is not limited to, hallways, lobbies, and other parts of apartment buildings and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence, and highways, streets, schools, places of amusement, parks, playgrounds and premises used in connection with public passenger transportation."

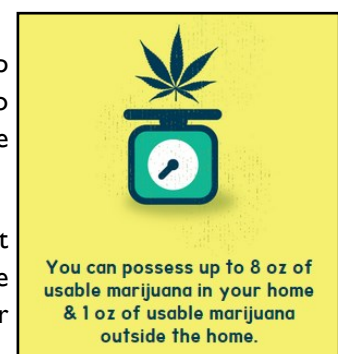
A good rule of thumb: If someone outside of your home can see you, you're probably in public.

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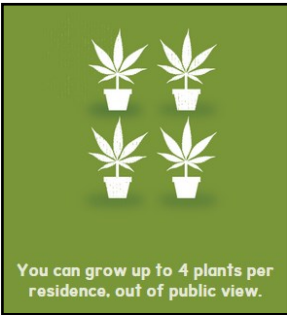
HOW MUCH CAN I POSSESS?

Starting July 1, adults 21 and older can grow up to 4 plants on their property, possess up to 8 ounces of usable marijuana (dried marijuana flowers or leaves that are ready to smoke) in their home and carry up to 1 ounce in public. Recreational marijuana cannot be used in public, however.

On January 4, 2016, OLCC will begin accepting license applications from those who want to operate retail marijuana outlets or commercially grow, process or wholesale marijuana. Stores are likely to open sometime in 2016, at which time adults 21 and older will have places to legally purchase recreational marijuana.



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HOW MUCH CAN I GROW AT HOME?

Starting July 1, adults 21 and older can grow of up to 4 plants per residence, regardless of how many people live in the residence. For example, two adults in one residence can only have 4 plants.

If you're 21 and older, you can also possess up to 8 ounces of usable marijuana (dried marijuana flowers or leaves that are ready to smoke) in your home and carry up to 1 ounce in public. Recreational marijuana cannot be used in public, however.

WHAT ABOUT DRIVING?

Driving under the influence of marijuana remains illegal. Driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) refers to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated or drugged, including impairment from the use of marijuana. Please be responsible.



HOW CAN I GET IT?

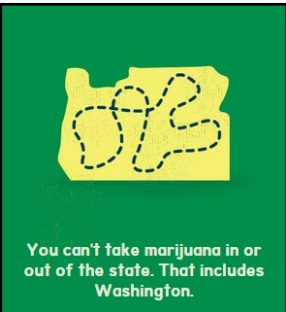
Starting July 1, adults 21 and older can share or give away recreational marijuana, or receive it as a gift. Along with growing your own (4 plants per residence), sharing and gifting are the only ways to legally acquire recreational marijuana; you can't sell or buy it legally until licensed retail shops open.

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If you're 21 and older, you can also possess up to 8 ounces of usable marijuana (dried marijuana flowers or leaves that are ready to smoke) in your home and carry up to 1 ounce in public. Recreational marijuana cannot be used in public, however.

CAN I TRAVEL WITH IT?

You can't buy marijuana in another state and bring it into Oregon, nor can you take it from Oregon across state lines. That includes to and from Washington. Taking marijuana across state lines is a federal offense.



WHAT ABOUT EDIBLES?



Starting July 1, adults 21 and older can make edible marijuana products at home or receive them as gifts. Edibles may be used only at home or in private places.

The OLCC will be taking the necessary time to make sure it gets the availability of edibles and extracts right. They will eventually be available at retail outlets licensed by the OLCC, but probably not by the time the stores open (likely sometime in 2016).

Some aspects of the law are still being determined. To stay up to date, sign up for the What's Legal Oregon e-newsletter at whatslegaloregon.com.

City to Give Away Free Composted Biosolids

FloGro Giveaway

What: Free samples of FloGro

When: Thursday, July 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please no early birds.

Where: Wastewater Treatment Plant, 794 Rhododendron Dr.

Details: First come, first served. While supplies last. Limit one cubic yard per customer. FloGro is not packaged. Bring own containers or pickup truck.

Due to the large number of people that came for the City’s “FloGro” Class A composted biosolids product at our September and December 2014 giveaway, the City of Florence Public Works Director, Mike Miller, has announced that we will be giving away the third batch of composted biosolids, which have received DEQ approval and are ready for use on local gardens.

“The demand for FloGro at our prior giveaways was just overwhelming. We ran out of the product in less than 2 hours on both occasions,” said Miller. “We will be giving away the third batch to the public on a first come, first served basis Thursday, July 16th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 794 Rhododendron Drive,” Miller continued. As long as supplies last, each community member that shows up will receive up to one cubic yard of composted biosolids, called FloGro.



Public Works crews turn the compost pile at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Class A Biosolids Composting Project was established by the City’s Public Works Department, with the assistance of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants as a pilot project in 2010. Public Works Director Mike Miller saw the program as an environmentally friendly way to reduce the amount of money spent on hauling biosolids to the Short Mountain landfill, located just outside Eugene. Since the program has been in place, the City has lowered its spending on hauling and disposal costs from \$80,000 per year to \$50,000 and we expect to continue to reduce that cost to \$35,000 on an annual basis.



“We’re able to produce a Class A biosolids product through a composting process that combines our chipped yard debris with a our biosolids. The end result is a sustainable compost supply for our community which benefits our rate payers by reducing our biosolids costs and producing a great soil amendment,” said Miller.

The program was expanded in 2013 after the City was awarded a Waste Diversion Opportunity Grant by Lane County. Class A composted biosolids are a valuable resource rich in plant-essential nutrients and organic matter. Using composted biosolids improves soil health and allows the soil to hold more water while letting it drain and breathe better.



“This program allows us to take care of two waste products — yard debris and biosolids — and produce a sustainable soil amendment for our community,” said Miller.

Rich in plant essential nutrients, FloGro is a combination of yard debris and biosolids. Crews at the Wastewater Treatment Plant screened this batch of FloGro on June 19th with a rotating trammel.

While supplies last, the City will be giving away FloGro samples on Thursday, July 16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 794 Rhododendron Dr. There is a limit of one cubic yard per customer. Please, no early birds. FloGro is not packaged. Members of the public wanting to receive FloGro samples must bring their own containers or a pickup truck. For more information on the City’s biosolids program, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.



Recorder's Corner

News from the June Council Meetings

The City Council met in four different meetings in the month of June, with the June 1st meeting marking the end of a nearly four month annual budgeting process with the City Council's adoption of the 2015-16 Budget.

During June we also completed the following:

- Submittal of a Transportation Growth Management Grant for a potential update to the City of Florence Transit Plan.
- Appointment of members to the newly formed Economic Development and Public Art Committees.
- Review of the potential new "Dancing with Sea Lions" project in honor of the Florence Events Center's 20th Anniversary.
- Proclamation honoring the Oregon Coast Military Museum week on July 4th – 10th.

For more information about Florence City Council meetings and actions, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437, or via email at 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.



A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.

~Amelia Earhart

save THE DATE:

July 18, 2015



THE POWER OF FLORENCE

Ideas:

Service Project

- Weed around the community
- Pull scotch broom
- Go play games with the people at the senior center
- Help pick up garbage around town
- Offer to yard work to people around the community

Collection

- Collect clothes for the needy
- Collect used books for kids in need
- Collect blankets for the homeless
- Collect school supplies for the school

Fundraising

- Have a garage sale for a cause
- Have a lemonade stand for a cause (KIDS)
- Have a bake sale for a cause
- Have a car wash for a cause
- Have a fun game like dodgeball that people can pay to take part in

For information on how to participate, visit www.powerofflorence.org.

Citing the Municipal Code

Landscape Maintenance & Curb Appeal



Hello again Florence,

It is that time of year where the number one issue that is taking up a lot of my time is yard work—or the lack there-of. The community has done well for the most part. However, for those property owners that still have not taken the time to mow or weed-eat, the tall grass and weeds are starting to die and they become a fire hazard. This time of year it doesn't take much to spark a fire and with the 4th of July coming up we don't want to have any accidents. All the dead grasses and weeds would feed and stoke any fire that got started. Keeping our neighborhoods looking nice is a great side effect to keeping our grasses and weeds cut down and under control. Let us all do our part to keep our neighborhoods looking nice.

Have a great & safe 4th of July weekend! — Dan Frazier, Code Enforcement Officer

A Note from the Planning Department:

"We drove up the coast and turned around and came back to Florence, it just looked the nicest."

The Planning Department has heard this phrase time and time again. While there are many reasons people choose to stay in Florence to live or recreate, the City's curb appeal is one of them. Our Florence leaders have long held a strong vision to create an appealing streetscape for residents and travelers alike.

Does your business have dying plants or weeds in your landscape beds? Many business owners do not know that the landscaped areas on the lot that they are leasing received approval from the Florence Planning Commission (PC). The lot developer was required to plant trees, shrubs, and ground cover to meet the requirements that were in place at the time of construction.

Business and property owners are encouraged to take the necessary steps keep their landscaping up to code and in compliance with the PC approval; namely being alive and weed free. This is best done by regularly watering the lawns and plants and hiring a licensed landscape firm to fertilize, prune, and replace plants as necessary. If the landscaping is over-grown or requires too much maintenance then come down to the Planning Department at City Hall, 250 Highway 101, to see about how you can easily change out the shrubs and/or trees. Do your part to improve the City's livability and quality-of-life and position Florence to have an economically viable and sustainable future.



July 7th
1:10 pm—3:10 pm

Ride with a Councilor on the Rhody Express!

Do you have a great idea or thought you would like to share with the Florence City Council? The City Council has started the "Ride with a Councilor" program so that you can share them! Each month, a City Councilor or Mayor Henry will ride the Rhody Express to answer your questions and hear your suggestions. Hop aboard the Rhody Express and talk to Councilor George Lyddon on July 7th for Ride with a Councilor day!

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

Governor Signs New Vaping Regulations into Law



We all know that Oregon has a strong statewide smokefree indoor air law for workplaces, restaurants, and bars. The law also prohibits smoking within 10 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of workplaces or public places, which can easily be identified by the common sign shown to the left. When it took effect in January 2009, the law also restored local control and Oregon communities are once again allowed to enact local smokefree laws. The City of Florence currently defers to the State of Oregon regulations for smokefree areas.

In May 2015, Oregon governor Kate Brown signed HB 2546, which expands the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA) to include the use of “inhalant delivery systems,” which include e-cigarettes, vape pens, e-hookah and other devices. Under the law, Oregonians may not use e-cigarettes and other inhalant delivery systems in workplaces, restaurants, bars and other indoor public places in Oregon beginning January 1, 2016. There are no exemptions for electronic cigarette retail outlets, smoke shops, bars or other venues. This new law bans the use of e-cigarettes in any place where traditional smoking is prohibited by existing regulations.

Effective immediately, the law also bans the sale, purchase or use of electronic cigarettes for those under the age of 18. In addition, using e-cigarettes in cars in the presence of children is also illegal, similar to the law that was passed in 2014 regarding traditional smoking in cars with children. The Oregon Health Authority will be working on rules for child-safe packaging and prevention of marketing e-cigarettes to minors.

For further information on the laws and effects of e-cigarettes, visit the Oregon Health Authority website at public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/TobaccoPrevention/SmokefreeWorkplaceLaw/Pages/e-cigarettes.aspx.

City Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

On June 1, 2015 the City Council adopted a balanced 2015-16 fiscal budget in the amount of \$33,877,033. During the past several months, while the organization has continued to sustain current operations, the City Council and staff have worked diligently to review and discuss the various City operations and future plans, including, but not limited to: desired service levels, potential limitations and challenges, and projected funding. Through this process, the City Council adopted seven broad goals and a five-year work plan, which have served as the foundation for this budget and reflects our commitment to ensure Florence remains Oregon’s Premier Coastal Community. The goals include:

- 1) City Service Delivery
- 2) Economic Development
- 3) Livability and Quality of Life
- 4) Financial Sustainability
- 5) Organization and Capital Plant
- 6) Communication and Trust
- 7) Public Safety

The City will be releasing the 3rd Edition of the Budget Report to Citizens later this summer. It will provide a simplified version of the budget document, information about City finances, and an outline of the exciting projects to be accomplished over the coming fiscal year. Be sure to watch for it in your mailboxes!



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City Council Meetings

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Regular Meetings

Monday, July 6, 6:00 PM
Monday, July 20, 6:00 PM

Work Session

Wed., July 22, 10:00 AM

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.


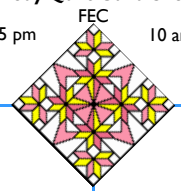

2015 COUNCIL GOALS

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

CITY CALENDAR: JULY 2015

Questions?

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Contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.

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12	13	14 Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	15 TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall	16 EMAC 2 pm, City Hall	17	18 Yard Debris Disposal Day 9 am—2 pm, 27th St. Van Fans Ice Cream Social 1 pm, FEC
19	20 City Council 6 pm, City Hall	21	22 City Council Work Session 10 am, City Hall FURA Meeting 6 pm, City Hall	23	24 Rhody Quilt Guild Show 10 am—5 pm FEC	25 
26	27	28 Econ. Dev. Comm. 2:30 pm, City Hall Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall Army Band Concert 7 pm, FEC	29 	30 FEC Advisory Committee 3:30 pm, FEC	31 Siuslaw Athletic Auction & Banquet 5:30 pm, FEC	