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June 2015

## “If I Were Mayor” Contest



Mayor Henry presents Kyllie Annin (pictures with her mother, best friend, and grandmother) as the contest winner.

Mayor Henry presented the "If I Were Mayor" Contest winner Kyllie Annin with a certificate and award at the City Council meeting on May 18, 2015. Kyllie Annin is a 7th grade student at Siuslaw Middle School. Entries were judged based on creativity, clarity, structure, and relevancy to the position of mayor.

Kyllie's entry outlined improving the graduation rate, starting a community garden to bring people together, and improving emergency planning for families. Mayor Henry has submitted Kyllie's essay to the statewide "If I Were Mayor" contest hosted by the Oregon Mayor's Association.

## A Fresh Coat of Paint at Singing Pines Park

Student from the Sunshine Christian School, along with their teacher and board members, spent two hours on the morning of May 29th painting the play structure at Singing Pines Park. The school adopted Singing Pines Park (located at Kingwood and 15th St.) through the City's Adopt a Park Program in 2013 and they have been working hard each month to keep the park looking great. We thank them for all their volunteer hours at their adopted park!





## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Jennifer Connor

Marketing Specialist and Event Coordinator

Jennifer Connor serves as the Marketing Specialist and Event Coordinator at the Florence Events Center (FEC). Prior to joining the FEC in 2014, Jennifer spent the first half of her career in Early Childhood Development. She worked for the City of Newport in youth services and literacy promotion for the Newport Public Library. After moving to Florence in 2010, she had the pleasure of working at Flowers by Bobbi and Quality Child Care Center before landing at the FEC.

Jennifer and her husband Sean Connor have five grown children — Amber, David, Krysta, Megan and Ryan. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys travelling, curling up with a good book, and random trivia facts. She enjoys working in her flower garden and is interested in history and genealogy. She is passionate about performing arts, music, dance, costume design, and spending time with a creative group of people to make theater magic happen. She says her favorite thing is being with family, and in her family, there's always time to spin a good story!

#### What does your job entail?

"I am responsible for the promotion of the FEC. I work with businesses, organizations, and FEC committees that use the facility for meetings, theatrical performances, art displays, and festival events. My role is to assist with production and to ensure the success of these events."

#### What has been your favorite event to coordinate at the FEC?

"I enjoyed helping with Oktoberfest and on Valentine's Day we held the first Red & White Ballroom Dinner and Dance. Those events were fun!"

#### What do you like most about your job?

"Every day is different and I work with a great team of people. I enjoy meeting folks in our community and helping their events be successful."

#### What has been your most rewarding moment at the FEC?

"Helping organize the Winter Folk Festival and watching over 900 elementary students come in the doors for the Kids-Konzerts. It's a good feeling to know that we are part of passing on tradition and heritage to a new generation."

#### What strange lessons have you learned since at the FEC?

"I've learned what a Cavy is, what a rider is on a performer's contract, and why you should always check to see if you have your keys and your phone with you before walking out of the locked doors of the FEC when you're the last to leave."

#### Anything else to add?

"I'm happy to be part of a city in motion!"

## 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 important information.

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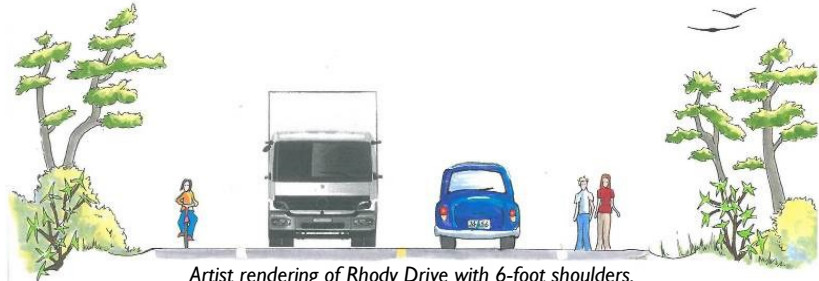
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## Rhododendron Drive Shoulder Extension Project Update

What started as a 10-foot wide separated multi-use path along the east side of Rhododendron Drive between 9th and Wildwinds has been changed into two (2) 6-foot wide paved shoulders along the 9th Street to Wildwinds corridor of Rhododendron Drive. The two (2) 6-foot wide shoulders will use a fairly new product to the coast, permeable pavement, in order to lessen the impact to the native vegetation from stormwater quality swales.



Artist rendering of Rhody Drive with 6-foot shoulders.

With four public meetings and one open house during the fall of 2014, City Council selected the two (2) 6-foot wide shoulders,

utilizing permeable pavement, option for this section of Rhododendron Drive on December 1, 2014. City staff notified Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the consulting engineering firm of the decision.

The change from a single 10-foot wide multi-use path separated from the roadway by a vegetated stormwater swale to two (2) 6-foot wide paved shoulders necessitated changes in the engineering services contract. With holidays, a

retirement of the project manager from the consulting engineering firm, and the state process for review and approval of contracts it has taken some time to finalize a new contract. On March 31, 2015, the new contract and scope of services was approved and the consulting engineering firm was given the 'green light' to start working on the project once again.

As with most federal aid projects, they tend to move slowly. With the project now being constructed on both sides of the roadway (the single multi-use path would have been on the east side of Rhododendron Drive) additional survey, archeological, and geotechnical investigations will need to be performed. This has set the project back more than a year for construction. The tentative schedule is now calling for the construction plans and supporting documentation to be completed by December 2015. ODOT's review and approval of the plans will take several weeks, however we are anticipating that the project will go to bid by March 2016 and a bid opening at the end of May 2016. Construction would begin in July/August 2016 and the project should be completed by March 2017.

Stay tuned for additional updates on this important pedestrian and bicycle safety project. For more information on this project, contact Florence Public Works at 541-997-4106.



### A MUSICAL COMEDY 2005 Tony Winner

Performances June 12-21, 2pm & 7pm  
Florence Events Center

Tickets at [eventcenter.org](http://eventcenter.org), by phone (541) 997-1994, or at box office

Directed by  
**DAVID LAURIA**

Musical Direction by  
**JASON WOOD**

Starring **TAMARA COLE, LEAH GOODWIN, MATT KORSO, JESSE REEVES, ERIN REINKE, HILARY ROACH, ELIZABETH ROSE, JACOB TERNYK, AND JASON WOOD**

Music & Lyrics by  
**WILLIAM FINN**

Conceived by  
**REBECCA FELDMAN**

Book by  
**RACHEL SHEINKIN**

Additional Material by  
**JAY REISS**

Originally Directed on  
Broadway by **JAMES LAPINE**

Originally produced on Broadway by **DAVID STONE, JAMES L. NEDERLANDER, BARBARA WHITMAN, PATRICK CATULLO, BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY, SECOND STAGE THEATRE**

## Coming Summer 2015 – Grind/Inlay Paving Project on Rhododendron Drive!

With City Council adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget on June 1st, Florence Public Works is ready to move forward with a \$350,000 paving project along Rhododendron Drive between 9th and Wildwinds. The project will only address the travel lanes of the roadway and will not extend or enlarge the existing roadway shoulders at this time. Extension of the shoulder is anticipated to begin Summer 2016 as outlined on page 3.

The project will grind (also known as 'cold plane') the existing street surface to a depth of 2-inches and then inlay and pave back the street with a new Hot Mix Asphalt Cement (HMAC) wearing surface. The project will also include digging out and reconstructing 250 square yards of roadway area to address a road base failure area.

Again, this project will only remove and repave the roadway section between the fog lines. It will not extend beyond the existing paved area. The project will go out to bid in June and will be awarded in late July 2015. Once the project is awarded to a qualified contractor, construction could start in September 2015 and finish before the fall rains begin in October 2015.

Another pavement preservation project for summer 2015 will be the application of a hot oil chip and fog seal on Rhododendron Drive from 35th Street to Lighthouse Way. "Chip Sealing" is a common pavement maintenance practice that extends pavement life and provides a good driving surface. Since some Florence residents may not be familiar with the chip seal construction method, here are answers to some frequently asked questions.

### **How are Chip Seals Different from Asphalt Overlays?**

The difference is in the construction method. Hot Mix Asphalt Cement pavement is produced by heating liquid asphalt and mixing it with aggregate, with the mix then spread and compacted to form a durable road structure and riding surface. Chip Sealing uses the same ingredients as asphalt concrete paving, but the construction method is different. With chip seals, a thin film of heated asphalt liquid is sprayed on the road surface, followed by the placement of small aggregates ("chips"). The chips are then compacted to orient the chips for maximum adherence to the asphalt, and excess stone is swept from the surface. The ingredients of hot mix asphalt and chip seals are the same; only the construction methods are different.

### **Why Use Chip Seals?**

1. Chip seals provide the City with the opportunity to maintain the roads for very low cost.
2. A chip seal is about one fourth to one fifth the cost of a conventional asphalt overlay.
3. By extending the time between asphalt overlays, chip seals result in lower costs over the long term.
4. By placing a chip seal sooner than an asphalt overlay would be placed, the traveling public benefits from roads maintained in better condition.
5. Chip Seals eliminate the need to crack seal.
6. Chip seals enhance safety by providing good skid resistance.
7. Chip seals provide an effective moisture barrier for the underlying pavement against water intrusion by sealing cracks in the pavement.



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8. Chip seals prevent deterioration of the asphalt surface from the effects of aging and oxidation due to water and sun.
9. Chip seals virtually eliminate black ice.
10. In hot weather, chip seals re-seal cracks by flowing back together.

**How Are Chip Seals Placed?**

First, the road surface needs to be properly cleaned of debris and any holes patched. Next, an asphalt distributor truck starts by spraying each lane with hot liquid asphalt to assure an even application. The asphalt used is applied at a temperature between 150 and 185 degrees Fahrenheit. A chip spreader follows as rapidly as possible with a rock application, preferably within one minute. The asphalt must be fluid so the rock will be embedded by the displacement of the asphalt. The rocks are an aggregate crushed to a special specification for size and cleanliness. Next, a rubber-tire roller is used to set the rock into the liquid asphalt. Rolling orients the flat sides of the rock down and produces a tighter chip seal. It takes two to four passes of the roller to set the rock. Sweeping is done at the completion of the chip seal process to remove surplus rock from the surface. This loose rock can grind and loosen rock set in the chip seal and damage the project. Sweeping is done within 4 hours of the rolling operation. A fog seal is then applied to top dress and further seal the newly applied chips, typically a day or two after the initial chip seal application.



The fog seal protects the chip seal from harmful UV rays that deteriorate the chip seal over time. Additionally the fog seal seals the rock on the chip sealed surface from the “top down” virtually eliminating all loose rock that is generally associated with chip seals. The fog seal adds to the overall appearance of chip seals, making them look much more like a freshly paved roadway. For more information concerning this or other City projects, please contact Florence Public Works at 541-997-4106.

## Rhododendron Festival Parade a Success!

Each year the Florence Mayor rides in the Grand Floral Parade along with other elected officials. Mayor Henry and his wife Pamela shared their car with Senator Roblan this year when his wouldn't work (top left). In addition to the Grand Floral Parade, Mayor Henry and Pamela walked in the Rhody Festival Junior Parade coordinated by Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue. At one point, Mayor Henry assisted in push starting one of the old fire trucks (top right).

Since no one could remember the last time City of Florence staff participated in the parade, we decided it was time to change that! Our Public Works crew decorated the patch truck and representatives from each City department participated in handing out candy and walking in the parade. The City's entry won 1st Place in the service entry category. We are a City in Motion!





## Recorder's Corner

### News from the May Council Meetings

The City Council met for 9 different meetings in May, with 3 of those meetings for the City of Florence and Florence Urban Renewal Agency Budget. Both of those budgets were approved by their respective Budget Committees the week of May 11th and are on to their next phase of adoption by the City Council and the Florence Urban Renewal Agency Board.

May also saw the City Council take a good hard look at our past, present, and potential future practices and programs toward Economic Development during their May 6th work session. With a comprehensive look at the City's past planning efforts and the community outreach completed since January, the City Council elected to form a new Economic Development Committee to help assist the City of Florence in these efforts. The City spent a good portion of May recruiting for this body and held interviews during the evenings of May 27th and 28th.

Staying on the theme of Economic Development, the City Council also heard the annual report from the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce on their workings under the agreement between the City of Florence and the Chamber for marketing services. During the 2014 calendar year the Chamber saw an 8.5 % increase in walk-in visitors, 34.5% increase in visitor packets requested, and a 30% increase in social media traffic from the prior year. Way to go Chamber of Commerce for their wonderful efforts toward tourism.

During May we also completed the following:

- The annexation of Jerry's Place Bar and Grill to the City of Florence,
- Liquor License approval for OB Sports Golf Management,



- Many ceremonial items including, the introduction of our New Police Chief Tom Turner, presentation of the 2015 Rhododendron Court, presentation of "If I Were Mayor" contest winner (front page), and 3 proclamations for Elks Lodge Youth Week, and Building Safety Month (left), and National Public Works Week (below).

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](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).





Jahala Blake  
1st Place



Faith Lumadue  
2nd Place



Sydney Hilterbrant  
Family Category



Meagan Davis  
People's Choice

Mayor Henry visited Siuslaw Elementary School's 4th and 5th grade classes on May 19th to present awards for the Recycle Art Contest that was part of the 2015 Florence Green Fair. Congratulations to all our wonderful contestants!

Winners for the 12 years and under category went to Jahala Blake with Ritz the Robot in 1st Place and Faith Lumadue with the Dragon Fly of Awesomeness in 2nd Place. Sydney Hilterbrant was presented the Family Category award for their project Fast Ferris and the winner of the People's Choice award went to Meagan Davis for her Metal Piggy Bank.



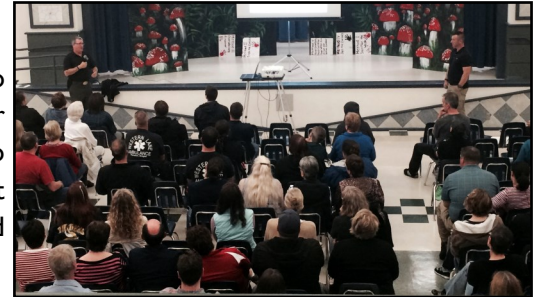
## Collaborative School Safety Training



*Superintendent Ethel Angal, along with Chief Tom Turner and Lane County Deputy Aaron Hoberg, address school district staff.*

The Florence Police Department and Siuslaw School District, along with several other law enforcement and emergency response agencies, participated in safety training on Friday, May 22nd. Law enforcement provided ALICE training to school personnel. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. It has been specifically designed to improve school officials' ability to protect students and coordinate with first responders in the event of an emergency. "We want to protect our kids and keep the community safe," stated Chief Tom Turner. "This training will allow us to train for emergency response within a school facility."

School officials scheduled an in-service day to provide the training to teachers, administrators, assistants, office staff, bus drivers, and other school district staff. "Our Florence Police Department has been so supportive of this effort. We appreciate all our officers making it possible to bring this training to our school and community," said Superintendent Ethel Angal.



You can hear more about this training from Chief Tom Turner and Superintendent Ethel Angal on Coast Radio's Our Town airing on June 3rd.

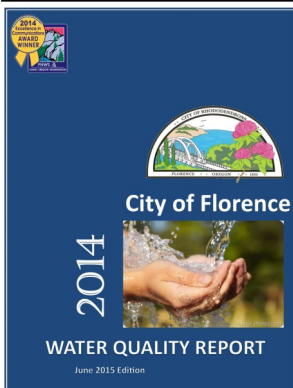


The ALICE system has been employed across the country in the past few years and is now being conducted to schools across Lane County. For more information on the ALICE system, visit [www.alicetraining.com](http://www.alicetraining.com).

For more information on the efforts by the Florence Police Department, please contact them at 541-997-3515 or online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/police](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/police).

*Officers from the Florence Police Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Police Department, Oregon State Police, and several other surrounding jurisdictions gather prior to the training.*

## 2014 Water Quality Report



As a water supplier, the City of Florence is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide an annual Consumer Confidence Report, know as the Water Quality Report. It provides water quality data from January 1 to December 31, 2014. The report informs customers about our City water sources, the City's source water protection programs, if there are any contaminants in the drinking water, as well as the water analyses undertaken to ensure that the water delivered is safe and of the highest quality.

The City of Florence is proud of the high quality of our water supply, which consistently meets or exceeds all state and federal water requirements, and committed to providing residents and business with top quality water service.

The 2014 City of Florence Water Quality Report will be released on June 15th on the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/city-florence-2014-water-quality-report](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/city-florence-2014-water-quality-report). Paper copies can be picked up at the Public Works building at 989 Spruce Street or City Hall at 250 Highway 101, but will only be mailed by request. For any questions regarding the Water Quality Report or to request a copy, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.



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## City Council Meetings

### Council Chambers

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

### Regular Meetings

Monday, June 1, 6:00 PM  
Monday, June 15, 6:00 PM

### Work Session

Monday, June 8, 2:00 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](http://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: JUNE 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 Siuslaw High School Band 7 pm, FEC  City Council 6 pm, City Hall	2  Siuslaw High School Choir 7 pm, FEC	3  TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall	4  Coastal Fitness Spring Show Performance 6:30 pm, FEC	5  Siuslaw High School Graduation 7 pm, SHS Gym	6 
7	8  Work Session 2 pm, City Hall	9  Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	10	11	12	13
14  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 2 pm, FEC	15  City Council 6 pm, City Hall	16	17  TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall	18  EMAC 2 pm, City Hall	19  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 7 pm, FEC	20 Yard Debris Disposal Day 9 am—2 pm, 27th St.  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 7 pm, FEC
21  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 2 pm, FEC	22	23  Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	24  FURA Meeting 6 pm, City Hall	25  FEC Citizen's Advisory Committee 3:30 pm, FEC	26  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 7 pm, FEC	27  25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee 7 pm, FEC
28	29	30				