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## Rhododendron Drive Updates

*Submitted by Mayor Henry*

We often receive citizen questions regarding the construction work that is being done throughout our City, especially along Rhododendron Drive. The condition of Rhododendron Drive over the years has deteriorated and it has been one of the City Council's priorities to improve this minor arterial roadway within the Florence city limits.

With the numerous projects in that area, we wanted to provide an overview of some of the Rhododendron Drive projects we have done over the past year and a few that are coming up so that our citizens can better understand the many components.



- **July 2015 – 35th Street to Lighthouse Way:** A chip seal was applied to the portion of Rhododendron Drive between 35th Street and Lighthouse Way in July 2015. This project was done as a temporary repair until funding is identified for a full rehabilitation of that section of Rhododendron Drive.
- **August 2015 – 9th Street to Wild Winds:** A grind/inlay was performed on the portion of Rhododendron Drive between 9th Street and Wild Winds in order to preserve that portion of the roadway. This project was the first step in the Shoulder Extension project along that same corridor.
- **Winter 2016 – Siano Loop Project:** The Siano Loop project made improvements to the stormwater and sanitary sewer systems in the area of Siano Loop near Rhododendron Drive and 35th Street. Due to the location of the improvements, this project also included repaving and patchwork on portions of Rhododendron Drive and 35th Street. This was a City project and funded through the Stormwater, Wastewater, and Street funds.
- **May/June 2016 – 35th Street to Eden Lane Sewer Project:** Phase I of the Rhododendron Drive gravity sewer project would be taking place this year. The gravity sewer project, currently under construction, between 35th Street to south of Eden Lane will eliminate the Sandpines sewer pump station, which will save the system maintenance, electrical, and operational costs. With this project we will perform a grind/inlay of the roadway between 35th Street and Eden Lane. As a reminder, the chip seal done last year in this area was a temporary fix. This will help preserve the roadway for several more years.

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### 2016 Greener Florence Awards

The Greener Florence Award program recognizes businesses and community groups who operate more sustainably by reusing, composting, and recycling.

Lofy Construction (pictured), the top business nomination, recycles anything possible from their job sites, like cardboard, wood products, paper and metals. Remodel jobs reuse lumber by taking it to Habitat for Humanity Restore. Demolition projects get recycled by taking concrete and brush to Sand Ranch for repurposing as fill material and composting. Construction waste is one of the largest landfill materials. Lofy is commended for going the extra mile, literally, to ensure his construction waste gets reused.

Florence Food Share, the top community organization, composts around 100 lbs. of spoiled produce monthly from local suppliers, reuses produce, egg boxes, and plastic bags, uses a rainwater catchment system for their gardens, installed thermostats, and changed reusable dishware.

Siuslaw Genealogical Society also received recognition for providing recycling opportunities for cell phones, small electronics, toner and ink jet cartridges. In 2016 they recycled over 161 lbs. from 45 cell phones and 4,125 lbs. from toner and ink jet cartridges. Their collection boxes can be found at Siuslaw Public Library, Shipping Solutions, True Value, Coast Village, Greentrees, Full Spectrum Computers, and Habitat for Humanity.

Florence Area Humane Society Thrift Store recycles cardboard, bags and newspaper packaging from donated items and repurposes donated items rather than landfilling them. The Humane Society is also a no-kill facility so they repurpose and rehome our furry friends.

To nominate your business or another please call 541-997-8237.



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

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- **Summer 2016 – 9th Street to Wild Winds Shoulder Extension:** ODOT will be constructing the shoulder extensions along Rhododendron Drive between 9th Street and Wild Winds in the early part of this summer. This project will improve the bicyclist and pedestrian safety along the corridor.
- **Summer 2016 – Highway 101 to 9th Street Waterline:** This project will install a 16-inch water line from 9th to Kingwood and then a 12-inch water main from Kingwood to Highway 101. There are some minor stormwater improvements that will take place in conjunction with the project. We will also be widening Rhododendron Drive between Greenwood and 9th Street adding two 6-foot bike lanes and a 5-foot sidewalk. The sidewalk will include a curb/gutter on the north and east side of Rhododendron Drive. Once the water, storm and sidewalk improvements are complete, we will be completing a grind/inlay of the entire length of Rhododendron Drive between Highway 101 and 9th Street. By late fall one will be able to safely walk or ride their bicycle from Wild Winds to Highway 101. In addition, we will address ADA needs along Rhododendron Drive between Highway 101 and Greenwood.

Hopefully this information clarifies what work our city has been doing along Rhododendron Drive. For more information on these and other projects, or for the up-to-date status of these projects, visit [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CityofFlorenceOregon](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFlorenceOregon).

## 2016 Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade



The City of Florence and the Florence Events Center staff participated in the 2016 Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade.

This year we caught the wave with Green Eyed Sue, one of our Dancing Sea Lions, to celebrate the Florence Events Center's 20th anniversary!

FEC and City staff created the float, which included our ocean theme with a large cake built by our Public Works crew.



Thank you to everyone who came and participated in this year's festivities. We look forward to next year and the 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival!



## How are speed zones established? Can they be changed?

Setting speed zones on Oregon's highways and streets is often a controversial and emotional issue. Many citizens believe that lowering the speed will improve traffic safety on their street or in their community. On the other hand, speed zones that are unrealistic are often disregarded by a majority of motorists who are normally careful and law-abiding drivers.

### The Logic of Speed Zones

Extensive studies from around the U.S. show that traffic moving at a speed that is reasonable for the road and weather conditions results in fewer accidents. Drivers are more patient because a reasonably uniform speed allows progress with less passing, less delay and fewer rearend collisions. Lowering the speed does not necessarily result in fewer crashes.

### Speed Zone Standards

In the absence of posted speed limits, Oregon state law gives motorists the following designated speeds:

- **15 mph** – Alleys, narrow residential streets
- **20 mph** – Business districts, school zones
- **25 mph** – Residential districts, public parks, ocean shores;
- **55 mph** – Open and rural highways, trucks on interstate highways
- **65 mph** – Autos on interstate highways

### The Basic Rule

Designated and posted speeds are not the final word in Oregon, for all travel on public streets and highways is subject to the Basic Rule. The Basic Rule is both a safety valve and an acknowledgement that drivers are able to act independently, reasonably and with good judgment.

The Rule states that a motorist must drive at a speed that is reasonable and prudent at all times by considering other traffic, road and weather conditions, dangers at intersections and any other conditions that affect safety and speed.

The Basic Rule does not allow motorists to drive faster than the posted speed or designated speed. Instead, the Rule expects drivers to be responsible for their own actions.

### What happens when a speed zone change is requested?

The Oregon Department of Transportation has the responsibility to investigate most public roads at the request of the road authority (in this case the City of Florence).

When a city or county asks the Department to review a speed zone, an engineering study is started. The road is surveyed for the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Lane and shoulder widths</li> <li>◆ Signals and stop signs</li> <li>◆ Number of intersections and other accesses</li> <li>◆ Roadside development</li> <li>◆ Parking and bicycle lanes</li> </ul> | <p>Other analysis includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Number and type of vehicles</li> <li>◆ Number of pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>◆ Crash history</li> <li>◆ Speed checks</li> </ul> |
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Radar and laser are used in speed checks, recording free flow traffic. Recognizing that most motorists are generally safe, the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers travel is one nationally recognized factor proven by repeated studies as a fair and objective indication of safe and reasonable speeds.

When the investigation is completed, a report is prepared. All of the above considerations are evaluated in deciding whether to propose a change or retain the existing posted speed. The report is then sent to the agency with road authority for review.

**Who decides?**

If the road authority (City) agrees with the recommendation, the speed zone is established. If not, ODOT reviews the road authority's objection and any additional information, and then if possible comes to a mutual agreement. If mutual agreement can't be reached, the case is referred to the Speed Zone Review Panel.

**Speed Zone Review Panel**

The Speed Zone Review Panel hears contested speed zone cases. The panel reviews the speed zone recommendation and receives testimony from the local agency and interested parties.

The panel consists of representatives from the League of Oregon Cities, Association of Oregon Counties, Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, Oregon State Police and ODOT.



*Specific advisory speeds are used in conjunction with warning signs like this one to indicate appropriate travel speeds at curves and intersections.*

**Speeding**

Unlike other driver behaviors that can have a negative impact on safety, such as distracted driving, speed is also associated with positive benefits, including reduced travel times, greater mobility, and increased economic productivity due to lower transport and inventory costs and larger market areas. Thus, speed management involves balancing safety and efficiency in travel.

**What effect do posted speed limits have on actual traffic speeds?**

Posted speed has very little effect on actual traffic speeds. There is a common belief among citizens, and even by some officials, that the mere posting of speed limit signs will cause drivers to react accordingly. This is not true and is why posted speed limits must be realistic to receive compliance.

Unrealistically low speed limits will invite violation by responsible drivers. Enforcement of unreasonably low limits sets up the so-called "speed trap," which results in poor public relations. The posting of proper speed limits has the beneficial effects of smoothing traffic flow and aiding effective law enforcement.

**What effect does installing lower speed limit signs have?**

It is a common belief that posting slower speed signs forces drivers to slow down and will result in fewer traffic accidents. National research has shown that the prevailing traffic conditions and the type of street, not the posted speed limit, influence drivers. Generally, speed signs are typically installed at quarter-mile intervals on the major arterial streets and are posted at half-mile intervals on collector streets. Twenty-five mph speed signs are installed at the entrances to subdivisions where the speed zone changes from a higher posting (35 or 45 mph) to the residential speed (25-mph). It is not practical to install speed signs at the end of every residential street.

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If an unreasonably low speed is posted, many drivers tend to ignore the signs. There are some drivers who, on the other hand, always try to stay within the posted speed. This can cause conflict between faster and slower drivers, resulting in more accidents. Traffic engineering studies help to determine the prevailing speed of most drivers using a certain street. Additionally, the studies take into account accident records and road conditions. An appropriate speed is then set based upon this data.

**Installing Stop Signs to Slow Drivers Down**

Under the right conditions, stop signs can play an important role in traffic safety. However, stop signs installed in the wrong place usually create more problems than they solve. Many requests are received for stop signs to interrupt traffic or slow traffic down. However, studies across the nation show that there are a high number of intentional violations when stop signs are installed as nuisances or speed breakers.

stop signs are installed at an intersection only after a careful engineering evaluation of the existing conditions indicates that their installation is appropriate. Four-way Stops are only helpful when traffic volumes are high and close to equal on all approaches to an intersection.

**Slowing Traffic Down in Neighborhoods**

Speeding is typical of a large and diverse family of problems that has a complex set of human responses and reactions at its foundation. People tend to drive at the speed that they feel is safe and appropriate. They are also affected by the speeds that others are driving.

In many cases, the speeders are your neighbors (and possibly, you). Discussions among the neighbors can help to reduce the problem. The City has an educational program available where citizens can call and request that the radar reader board be deployed to a specific area. The purpose of the program is to advise drivers of their speeds, call attention to inappropriate habits and involve the neighborhood in the process. The radar reader board deployment can be arranged for by contacting Florence Public Works at 541-997-4106.

Verification of a speeding problem will be forwarded to the Police Department at 541-997-3515 so that they can schedule selective enforcement in the area as their resources allow. Under those circumstances, it is helpful to be able to advise the Police Department as to days and times of day when problem is most noticeable.



Last, and possibly most important, is our responsibility to drive safely and within the speed limit ourselves. Often, the most important part of the equation is YOU. When we drive safely and appropriately, it has a positive effect on the driving habits of others. The more of us that take that challenge seriously, the greater will be the positive impact on safety within our neighborhoods and within our community in general.

## City of Florence Biosolids Demonstration Gardens

New Beds Created



Thriving veggies!



Gardening Paradise!



A demonstration garden has been created at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Rhododendron Drive. The Public Works crew built, prepared and filled eight raised garden boxes with FloGro, our Class A Biosolids

compost. The Class A Biosolids Compost program, was established by the City's Public Works Department, with the assistance of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, as a pilot project in 2010. The Class A Biosolids product is produced through a composting process that combines our chipped yard debris with our biosolids. Once the Class A composted biosolids receive DEQ approval, they can be used on local gardens. The end result is a sustainable compost supply for our community and a great way to enrich the soils!

The biosolids compost demonstration garden represents our commitment to test the quality and safety of our product and communicate the findings to the public to make sure they are aware of the value of this local resource. The garden is supporting a variety of plants and will reflect how the process of using biosolids can benefit the soil in our gardens while producing some great edibles as well as a few flowers!

The Florence Garden Club has planted varieties including peas, tomatoes, strawberries, eggplant, flowers, green beans, lettuce and herbs. The Florence Garden Club will maintain 6 of the beds for the growing seasons. This will give folks an opportunity to see how the FloGro is being used to nurture local raised beds. The other two beds will be used and maintained by Public Works

Since 2013, after the City was awarded a Waste Diversion Opportunity Grant by Lane County, we have expanded our program from a simple pilot program to a small scale composting operation. Our biosolids compost is a valuable soil amendment that builds healthy soils, fertilizes plants and restores degraded landscapes. Our biosolids are mixed with mulched yard debris and composted to produce an exceptional quality Class A Biosolids compost called FloGro for use in landscaping and gardening.

**Don't take our word for it. The science is behind it!** Nationally, biosolids programs have been involved in innovative research and demonstration projects since the 1970s and collaborates with the Northwest Biosolids Management Association on projects looking at:

### Research partners include:

Oregon State University  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
University of Arizona

- ◆ Benefits of biosolids to plants and soils
- ◆ Environmental safety and effects of biosolids
- ◆ Sustainable biosolids products and services



Findings: Class A biosolids, such as FloGro, have great value in creating healthy soils and crops. Any vegetable can be grown safely in FloGro compost.

### Did you know?

Adding biosolids compost to soils is not only good fertilizer and soil conditioner, but also shows great promise for sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gases. We CAN make the world a better place, one garden at a time!



# Florence Economic Update

## News from the City's Economic Development Efforts

Did you know that the #1 activity of visitors in the world is downtown shopping, dining and entertainment? According to Roger Brooks International, this is where 80% of all non-lodging visitor spending takes place. Although people might come to Florence to play at the dunes, head to the beach, go on a hike, visit their families or any other multitude of daytime activities, they spend only 4-6 hours per day on that primary activity, leaving a whopping 8-10 hours to enjoy our wonderful establishments. With Memorial Day and the official start of the summer tourist season firmly behind us we take this time to thank our local retail establishments and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce for their hard work in promoting Florence as the wonderful place it is!

### Florence Startup Featured at Willamette Angel's Conference

Local entrepreneur Carl Hulan was featured in the prestigious Willamette Angel Conference to pitch his innovative new business – lofoodal.com. Lofoodal.com is a software application that utilizes technology to make organic produce available to families nationwide. As only 1 of 10 total companies selected to pitch out of 44 submissions, Carl represented not only his company, but Florence. Over 300 people attended the Willamette Angel conference which is an investment conference connecting early stage and seed startups with angel and venture investors. For more information on the new startup, visit lofoodal.com.



### New Businesses in Florence



Florence welcomed 17 new / changed businesses in April and May including the new America's Mattress at 2455 Hwy 101 in the previously vacant old 3-2-1 Video Building. This new retail store is set to bring in at least two new employees to town. Stop by and welcome the new business to this previously vacant building!

### Entrepreneur Trainings & Meetups Continue

Stay Connected. Attend the...

### Founder's Fireside Chat

Veteran entrepreneurs will share their personal stories of founding startups – both failures and successes!

June 1<sup>st</sup> | 5 – 7:00 PM | Free Event  
Ocean Dunes Golf Links | 3345 Munsel Lake Road

The event is free; Light fare will be served.  
For more information and to RSVP visit  
<http://www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast/>. Or check out the Fertlilab webpage at [www.fertlilabthinkubator.com](http://www.fertlilabthinkubator.com).

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On May 3rd, the City of Florence held a seminar in conjunction with RAIN (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network) to a group of over 20 local entrepreneurs and officials. The training covered how



to build and facilitate mentorships to get your business off the ground.



The Founder's Fireside Chat on June 1st allowed veteran entrepreneurs to share their personal stories of founding startups.



# Wings & Wheels — Free Shuttle Service

**JULY 2, 2016**

**Starting at 9:45 AM and ending at 3:15 PM**



Planning to attend Wings and Wheels at the Florence Municipal Airport? 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 Heritage Museum and the Wings and Wheels Fly In & Car Show.

Just park at the Siuslaw Middle School parking lot or Florence Senior Center, board the Rhody Express, and catch a ride to the events! 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. More information is available by calling the Rhody Express at 541-902-2067.

*A community service provided by the City of Florence and the Rhody Express.*



## Mayor and City Council Open Positions

On November 8th, City voters will elect the following open positions:

- **Mayor – 2 year term** (position currently held by Joe Henry)
- **Councilor – 4 year term** (position currently held by Joshua Greene)
- **Councilor – 4 year term** (position currently held by Ron Preisler)



The City of Florence Mayor and Councilors are volunteers who serve as the governing body for the City of Florence.

The City Council works as a collective body to pass laws, fees, policies, budget and to supervise the City Manager and Municipal Court Judge positions. In

order to be knowledgeable enough to make such decisions, serving on the Council requires many hours of study into the pressing issues of the City of Florence, as well as attendance at regular meetings, work sessions, and other external meetings where the Councilor / Mayor will represent the City and its interests.

The Mayor is the presiding officer of the City Council and thus officiates City Council meetings in order to preserve order. The Mayor also works directly with the City Manager to determine the order of business of City Council meeting agendas and serves as the political leader for the City of Florence.

Serving on the City Council or as Mayor is a uniquely interesting and rewarding job that requires candidates to be dedicated to uplifting the City by understanding the citizen's values and goals. The Florence City Council conducts its regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m.

To run, all City Council candidates must be a registered voter having lived in the City of Florence for at least one year preceding the election (November 8, 2015). More information about these positions can be found on the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us), including information on the process for running for office and more information about the job description. Completed forms must be filed with the City Recorder by August 16, 2016.

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) for more information or to set up a meeting.

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## Lane County Amps Up Rural Economic Development

On May 16th the City Council welcomed Lane County staff including County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky and Hatfield Students Stephen Dobrinich and Aniko Drlik-Muehleck to present their new program, the Lane County Rural Prosperity Initiative. The new program aims to promote economic development in the rural areas of Lane County through partnerships with local jurisdictions to promote the region as a whole. In their presentation, Lane County representatives emphasized that successful economic development focuses on three different pivotal programs:

1. Community Development;
2. Capacity Building; and
3. Collaboration.



Through the program Lane County will be working to hire a Rural Economic Development Liaison to help promote Economic Development throughout the various different rural jurisdictions. We look forward to working with Lane County to help promote economic development throughout our wonderful region.

For more information, please contact Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).



## Citing the Municipal Code

It is definitely grass cutting season. I will be making an effort to get out to most of the neighborhoods this month and remind people to get that grass cut. Now that it has stopped raining as much the grasses are starting to die and dry out, creating a real fire hazard. The consequences for not mowing the lawn could be devastating. Florence Code says that weeds and noxious vegetation are not permitted to grow on any property and once grass, weeds, or noxious vegetation become unsightly, mature and go to seed or grow 12" from the ground their existence is deemed a violation or fire hazard. Let us



all be good neighbors and keep our lawns mowed and planting beds weeded this year.

Now-a-days I spend a lot of time chasing animals that are loose. The penalty for letting your dogs get out is progressive. The first time is \$50, the second is \$100, the third is \$200, the fourth is \$400, and then \$750 for every time after that. Please make sure that when you leave doors or windows open that your pets cannot get out. I take no pleasure citing anyone, but I do have to do my job.

Have a question about the City Code? The entire City Code can be accessed on the city website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) or you can call my office at 541-902-2180.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,  
Dan Frazier, Code Enforcement Officer

## City to Give Away Free Composted Biosolids

### FloGro Giveaway

**What:** Free FloGro!

**When:** Saturday, June 11th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please no early birds.

**Where:** Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 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 giveaways, 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 Saturday, June 11th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.



For more information on the City's biosolids program, contact Public Works at 541-997-4106.





# Recorder's Corner

## News from the May Council Meetings

The City Council had an extremely busy month of May with 8 different meetings, 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 9th and are on to their next phase of adoption by the City Council and the Florence Urban Renewal Agency Board.

During May the City Council also completed the following:

- Approval of the annual Rhododendron Festival Vendor Fair Street Closure Request;
- Approval of a grant submittal to the Oregon Health Authority for a Drinking Water Source Protection Fund grant for water protection education and outreach;
- Approval of Comprehensive Fiscal Policies for the City of Florence;
- Approval of a grant submittal to the U.S. Department of Justice for a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to help fund a School Resource Officer.
- Approval & Presentation of the Annual Greener Florence Awards
- Overview of the 2016 Election Process

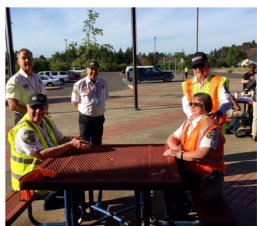


- Presentations & Proclamations for...
  - ◆ 2016 Rhododendron Court
  - ◆ Building Safety Month
  - ◆ National Drinking Water Week
  - ◆ National Public Works Week
  - ◆ Elks Youth Week
  - ◆ Safe Boating Week
  - ◆ Volunteers in Medicine
  - ◆ Lane County Rural Prosperity Initiatives

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).

# Preparing for the Unthinkable

## Local First Responders Participate in Emergency and Disaster Drills in June



### Active Threat Response Exercise

West Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG) agencies were at Siuslaw Middle School on June 4, 2016, to conduct an active shooter response exercise. The exercise will be centered at Siuslaw Middle School. This multi-agency exercise tested the preparedness, coordination, and response of local agencies should a real active threat occur.

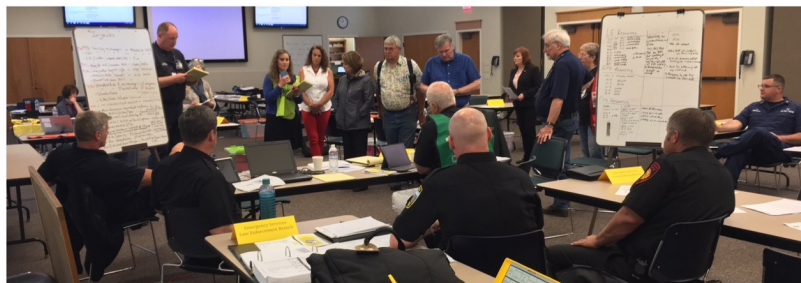


Participants included the City of Florence, Florence Police Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Police Department, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, Siuslaw School District, Mapleton School District, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, Life Flight, and REACH Air Medical Services.

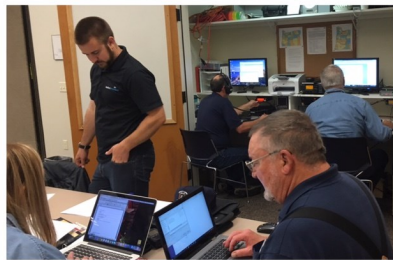


### Cascadia Rising Exercise

On June 8th, West Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG) partners again got together for the Cascadia Rising Emergency Operations Center Exercise being conducted throughout the northwest.



Jurisdictions in across Oregon and Washington took part in Cascadia Rising, a four day exercise that simulated a 9.0 earthquake off the Oregon Coast and subsequent tsunami surges. This drill focused on coordination and communication of the emergency response with through Emergency Operations Centers.



WLEOG participants included the City of Florence, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, US Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River, the Red Cross, and our local ARES/RACES radio operators.





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# FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



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## City Council Meetings

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

**Regular Meetings**  
Mon., June 6, 6 PM  
Mon., June 20, 6 PM

**Work Session**  
Wed., June 15, 10:30 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 & 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: JUNE 2016

## Questions?

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 #StartupFloCo Founders Fireside Chat Meetup 5 pm, Ocean Dunes	2	3 Gypsy Camp Vintage Market 4pm—8pm, FEC	4 Gypsy Camp Vintage Market 10pm—4pm, FEC
5	6 City Council 6 pm, City Hall  Siuslaw High School Band 7 pm, FEC	7	8	9 Coastal Fitness Spring Showcase 6:30 pm, FEC	10 DanceAbility presents "Don't Leave Me" 7 pm, FEC	11 FloGro Giveaway 8 am—2 pm, WW Treatment Plant Green Fair 10 am—4 pm, FEC
12	13	14 Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	15 City Council Work Session 10 am, City Hall  Airport Committee 2:00 pm, City Hall	16	17 Based on a True Story 7 pm, FEC	18 Based on a True Story 7 pm, FEC
19	20 City Council 6 pm, City Hall	21 Economic Dev. Committee 2:00 pm, City Hall	22 FURA 6 pm, City Hall	23	24	25
26	27 Public Art Committee 9 am, City Hall	28	29	30		

