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March 2012

Andi Belk Selected City Volunteer of the Year



Florence Police Auxiliary member Andi Belk (right) is presented with the City of Florence Volunteer of the Year Award by Mayor Phil Brubaker during Volunteer Recognition Night held at the Florence Events Center February 16.

Longtime Florence Police Auxiliary member Andi Belk was selected as the City of Florence Volunteer of the Year during a banquet held at the Florence Events Center on February 16. Andi and her husband Bob have been Florence residents since 1994, where she has volunteered at Honeyman State Park, participated as a Beach Captain for Oregon Beach Clean-ups and as a Steering Committee member for the Relay for Life.

Andi has been an Auxiliary Officer with the Florence Police Department since 2007 and describes it as her most satisfying and challenging venture. Using her experience in starting Neighborhood Watch Programs, Andi implemented a citywide Watch program.

See Page 4 for more photos from Volunteer Recognition Night.

Public Hearing on Draft Transportation Plan

Submitted by Community Development Department

On Tuesday, March 27, the Florence Planning Commission will hold a work session about the recent plans put forth by the Transportation Project Advisory Committee. Following the work session at 6:00, there will be a public hearing at 7:00 to gather public comments. The public is encouraged to attend the work session to learn more about the draft plans. The updated Draft Transportation System Plan (TSP) will guide the management and implementation of transportation facilities, policies, and programs within the urban growth boundary over the next 25 years.

The Draft TSP includes:

- A road plan for a network of arterial and collector streets;
- A bicycle and pedestrian plan;
- A Community Transit Plan;
- A Municipal Airport Master Plan;
- A rail, water, and pipeline plan;
- A capital project list and financing plan; and
- Comprehensive Plan policies and city code for implementing the TSP.

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Employee Spotlight

Detective Gabe Glowacki

Gabe Glowacki and his family became residents of Florence in July, 2007, the same month he started at the Police Department. In September of 2011, Officer Glowacki became Detective Glowacki after the retirement of John Brejska. Gabe and his wife have been married for almost 11 years and have a five-year-old son and a seven-year-old daughter.

When he is not busy helping keep our city safe, Gabe enjoys spending time with his family outdoors, taking advantage of our area's many hiking trails and campsites. The Glowacki's also like spending time bicycling or hanging out at the ocean and lakes.



Detective Glowacki has been a member of the Florence Police Department since 2007.

What do you like most about being a Detective?

"The thing I enjoy most about my job is making a difference in the community that we are raising a family in."

Most rewarding moment at the City?

"When I do my part in helping children who are in need of a safe place and care. I get great satisfaction when people are held accountable for their criminal actions against children."

Strangest request or incident?

"One thing I did not envision doing as a police officer is breaking up a dog/raccoon fight."

PUBLIC HEARING from Page 1

Some key findings of the study include:

- Several local streets are relatively disconnected in certain areas, thereby creating greater reliance on US 101.
- The following intersections will become unacceptably congested by 2035 unless there are intersection improvements or alternate routes improved:
 - US 101 & Munsel Lake Road
 - US 101 & 27th Street
 - US 101 & 15th Street
 - OR 126 & Quince Street
 - OR 126 & Spruce Street
 - 9th Street & Kingwood
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are discontinuous, thereby discouraging travel via these modes.



Florence's Proposed Street Classifications

- The Rhody Express is typically used by senior citizens and people with disabilities who use the bus to go shopping. Riders' most desired service improvement is for Saturday service.
- The Draft TSP identifies 71 projects. Given limited funds we have only identified 14 projects as high priority. To see the draft plans, check out the project website at <http://sites.kittleston.com/FlorenceTSP>. If you are unable to attend the public hearing but would like to comment, please submit your comments in writing to Sandra Belson, City of Florence, 250 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439; email sandra.belson@ci.florence.or.us; or fax 541-997-4109. For more information call 541-997-8237.

This project is partially funded by a grant from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program, a joint program of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. This TGM grant is financed, in part, by federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), local government, and the State of Oregon funds.

City Preparing for Budget Season

Submitted by Finance Department

The Finance Staff is busy preparing for the 2012-2013 Budget Season. As legally required by State Law, the City has a Budget Committee that reviews the budget as proposed by the Budget Officer and monitors the process to ensure adherence to State Law. Ultimately the five Budget Committee Members who serve alongside our City Council will approve the City's budget for the fiscal year ending



June 30, 2013. The Budget Committee will hold public meetings in April and May where the members of the Budget Committee have the opportunity to listen to comments and questions from interested citizens. We encourage citizen participation in the budget-making process. Therefore, keep an eye out for meeting notices that will be published in the Siuslaw News and posted on the City's website.

Homeowners Should Be Wary of Mail Solicitation

Submitted by Public Works Department

The City of Florence is warning customers to be on the lookout for a mail solicitation campaign involving a company known as "HomeServe" that offers water service line insurance coverage. The City of Florence is not affiliated with HomeServe and their product is not endorsed or required by the City.

Consumers in several states have alleged fraud and misrepresentation against the Connecticut-based company, which has earned a "D" rating from the Better Business Bureau. The Oregon Attorney General's Office has received more than 40 complaints against the company since early 2011, and the Better Business Bureau has logged 142 complaints related to HomeServe and its associated firms over the past three years.

The company, also known as HomeServe USA Repair Management Corp., Home Emergency Insurance Solutions and Home Serve, entered into settlements and other agreements in 2010 with the Attorneys General in three states, and has paid nearly \$100,000 in civil penalties and other costs related to consumer complaints regarding warranty misrepresentation and misleading

advertising.

In letters sent to City of Florence water customers recently, HomeServe attempts to sell insurance to cover repairs to the water line that runs from the City water meter to the home, and claims such repairs are not covered by home owner's insurance. While it is true that the section of water line running from the meter to the home is the customer's responsibility, most homeowner's policies do cover such repairs.

Customers considering buying such insurance should remain wary and also check with their insurer to find out whether such coverage already exists under the homeowner's policy.

"It appears this company is offering a service that people don't really need," said Tony Green, spokesman for the state Department of Justice.

The Oregon Attorney General's Office said representatives have received "dozens" of calls over the past week from recipients of the HomeServe letters. Anyone with questions or concerns about the letters should contact the agency's Consumer Hotline at (503) 378-4320, or toll free at 1-877-877-9392.

A Blast From the City Council's Past

25 Years Ago

March 10, 1987

The Florence City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Christian Mathieson as Chief of Police replacing former Chief Jim Shaw, who retired after 15 years of service to the City of Florence.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Florence City Hall has a Recycling Center? Inside the front door on the Finance Department side of City Hall is a center where members of the public can get the latest Master Recycling News, in addition to bins for recycling wine corks, plastic bottle caps, cell phones, prescription bottles and used rechargeable batteries. The City also has 20+ frames and bags available for public use to make recycling at events easy and convenient. Contact Community Development at 541-997-8237 for more info.

City Volunteer Recognition Night

February 16th, 2012—Florence Events Center



Florence City Council



From left to right: Councilor Brian Jagoe, Council President Nola Xavier, Mayor Phil Brubaker, Council Vice-President Suzanne Roberts, Councilor Paul Holman

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Florence is to meet community expectations for municipal services, provide a vision for civic improvements, maintain a quality environment and position Florence to have an economically viable and sustainable future.

City Calendar

For more information about meetings (days marked in yellow), contact City Hall at 541-997-3437.
For information on events & concerts (days marked in blue), contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		FEC Events & Concerts	City Meetings	1	2 Home & Garden Show at FEC	3 Home & Garden Show at FEC
4 Home & Garden Show at FEC	5 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Emerald City Jazz Kings at FEC	10
11	12	13 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm SHS Band Concert at FEC	14 Environmental Management Advisory Committee Meeting 2:00 pm	15 PTA Talent Show at FEC	16 PTA Talent Show at FEC	17 Yard Debris Disposal 9 am to 2 pm Rotary Auction at FEC
18	19 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21 Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Community Stakeholders Meeting 4:30 pm	22 Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Elected Stakeholders Meeting 6 pm Antonio Pompa-Baldi at FEC	23	24
25	26	27 Planning Commission Work Session & Meeting 6 pm	28 Florence Urban Renewal Agency Meeting 6:30 pm	29	30	31 LRP Presents An Evening With Friends at FEC

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