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Focus on Florence

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Florence Receives Good Governance Award



On September 28th, Yachats Mayor and League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Vice President Ron Brean presented Mayor Nola Xavier with the 2013 Helen & Alan Berg Good Governance Award. The award was presented in recognition of the Budget Report to Citizens that was sent to Florence residents in an effort to educate citizens on how the City operates.

Citizens' Police Academy

By Police Chief Ray Gutierrez

In an effort to be transparent to our community and remain accessible to our citizens, the Florence Police Department is pleased to announce our 2013 Citizens' Police Academy. This will be the fourth citizens' academy offered by our department. It is an excellent opportunity for folks to become more familiar with the functions and operations of the Florence Police Department, as well as other local agencies with whom we partner.

The Florence Citizens' Police Academy is scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 22, 2013, and will be held every Tuesday night from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, not including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The format includes fourteen 4-hour training blocks and two 4-hour ride-alongs for a total of 64 hours. Graduation will take place during the last class, where diplomas and awards will be presented.



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Employee Spotlight

Police Officer Robert Merryman and K-9 Dale

Officer Merryman is a patrol officer for the Florence Police Department. He also serves as the K-9 handler for Dale, the City's drug detection dog. Officer Merryman has been with the City of Florence since 2004. He and Dale have been a certified team for six years and are certified annually through a national certification organization.

Officer Merryman enjoys being outdoors and spends his free time crabbing, camping, riding quads, and hunting. Dale has become a great swimmer and loves to chase the ball and run on the beach. Dale also enjoys finding snacks in the trashcan, unfortunately.

How were you and Dale trained and where did he come from?

"Dale and I were trained through the Washington State Department of Corrections at McNeil Island in 2007. They have been training dogs for 28 years. We attended an 8 week class where both Dale and I trained together with a class of four other handlers and dogs. We were then certified as a K-9 drug detection teams. Dale is trained to alert on methamphetamines, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, and marijuana. He is a passive alert dog which means when he finds one of the above drugs, he sits and looks at me.

Dale is a rescue dog and was found tied up to the porch of a house during the Lewis County floods in Washington state. The house did eventually flood and nobody came later to claim him. A drug dog is chosen based on certain traits they have. One of those traits is his ball drive. (The ball is his reward. He has a huge drive to want to work and find the drug so he will get the ball to play with). He also has to be sure footed and able to jump up and down and go under things. Another trait is his overall friendliness with people. A dogs work life varies from five years up to ten years."



Officer Merryman and K-9 Dale have worked together since 2007.

What do you like most about your job?

"Obviously helping people, but it is especially great when I am able to help kids. I've had some tell me they would like to be a police officer because of something I did with them or their family. That's always good to hear."

What has been your most rewarding moment since you joined the City?

"I had a domestic violence case where the victim brought her kids in after the suspect was sentenced and thanked me.

She told me that she had felt trapped for years until I talked with her and was able to get her and her children out of a bad situation. Last I heard, she and the kids were doing well in another city."

What is the strangest request or incident you've had working for the City?

"I had a burglary call in progress at a local church. Another officer was first on scene and I arrived shortly after he did with my lights off and silent. When I began making my way to the back of the church, where the suspects were supposed to be breaking in, I heard a loud scream. I called via radio for the other officer's status and he yelled to get back in the car.

I asked if he was OK and he didn't respond. I stopped where I was and waited to see what I heard and asked again for his status. The other officer replied 'I am back in my car. There are three cubs and a momma bear at the dumpster in the back.' Right about then, I saw the momma bear come around the corner and I got into my car where I watched her walk up to my car and stand on both hind legs. She was just protecting her cubs and we eventually scared them all off into the trees. The other officer told me that the scream was the cubs but I'm not so sure."

Florence's Senior Planner Returns

Senior Planner Wendy FarleyCampbell returned to work with the City of Florence on September 23rd after completing a 14 month tour of activity duty with the Navy. Wendy deployed in May 2012 and, after 4 months of



Senior Chief Wendy FarleyCampbell (2nd from left) with Lieutenant Warren, Lieutenant Commander Arganbright, and Chief Robins at Camp Nathan Smith.

training at Ft. Gordon, GA and Camp Atterbury, IN, she mobilized with the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT) at Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Wendy served as the Communications Department Head for the KPRT. Her shop was responsible for administration, maintenance, installation, repair, and inventory of KPRT's tactical and strategic communication systems. The tactical side included radio and tracking systems for 17 MRAP vehicles and the Tactical Operations Center. The strategic side included over 260 computer systems on

3 networks for 121 Civilian, Army, and Navy personnel. In addition, Wendy coordinated the Camp's Information Dominance Warfare Training and Navy's new Chief Petty Officer Preparation training earning 12 sailors their warfare qualifications, 1 battlefield promotion, and a 50% advancement rate to Chief Petty Officer.

What Wendy says she enjoyed most about the deployment was the enthusiasm and professional growth exhibited by her unit's junior personnel. She enjoyed seeing sailors "suited-up" to go on patrols with their Army counterparts and observing those young soldiers, cigarettes hanging out of their mouths, as they moved rocks around in the dirt simulating a mission's vehicle or ground movements to their team.

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Participants will meet the men and women who serve in support of our local justice system and see what they do on a day-to-day basis. Speakers include officers of the Florence Police Department, members from the Municipal Court and Justice Court, Lane County Parole and Probation, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Mental Health, and Siuslaw Outreach Services. You will have a tour of the Justice Center and participate in hands-on experiences and demonstrations, such as how impaired drivers are detected. Several sessions will include information on firearms, with an opportunity of shooting a firearm at the Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club. You will also experience training with the Range 3000, a scenario based simulator which provides realistic encounters faced by law enforcement officers.

There is no cost to attend the Citizens' Police Academy. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit our website at www.ci.florence.or.us/police, or you may pick-up an application at the Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood Street. Deadline for submitting your application is October 15, 2013. For more information, please contact Susie Barba at the Florence Police Department, (541) 997-3515.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ROUND-UP

Some everyday items when disposed of improperly harm the quality of drinking water and cause other environmental damage. Keep your water supply safe and healthful—take a moment to gather your household hazardous waste and put it in its place.



FRIDAY
OCT. 18 • 12-5
SATURDAY
OCT. 19 • 8-2
FLORENCE
TRANSFER SITE
2820 N. Rhododendron Drive

BRING:

- Paint
- Household cleaners
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Car care products
- Arts and crafts products
- Other household hazardous waste

Limit is 35 gallons of waste in total from each household. Check labels for words like flammable, corrosive, poison, caution, and danger. For your safety it is always best to carry these items in a separate compartment (like the trunk of your car) with secured lids to eliminate spills in transport.

DON'T BRING:

- Empty containers
- Drums
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Explosives or electronics

For information about disposal of radioactive waste, asbestos and explosives, call Lane County Waste Management Division at 541-682-3828. Up to seven (7) Covered Electronic Devices, CEDs. Can be recycled for free at any one time at these 5 Lane County Transfer Stations; Glenwood, Cottage Grove, Florence, Oakridge, Veneta, and Vida during normal operating hours. Also, Lane County accepts sharps, oil, antifreeze and batteries of all types year-round at all refuse disposal sites.

Year Round Collection Sites—Paint, Electronics, and Fluorescent Lamps
Paint, Electronics, and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (and tubes up to 4 feet) are accepted year-round at various locations in Lane County through on-going collection programs. Check out the websites below to find a location near you, or call 541-682-4120 for more information.

PaintCare www.paintcare.org
Oregon E-Cycles www.deq.state.or.us/lg/ecycle • 1-888-5-ECYCLE (532-9253)
CFL Collection Sites—List of Participating Lighting and Hardware Stores
www.lanecounty.org/lamps

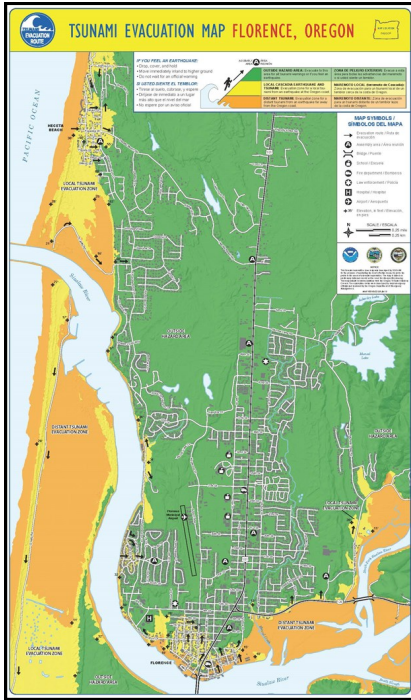
Call 541-997-8237 For More Information

NOTE: residential waste only—no commercial waste will be accepted.

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Updated Tsunami Evacuation Maps Released



After four years of planning, the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has completed tsunami evacuation maps for the entire Oregon Coast. Including Florence, more than 130 new evacuation maps have been completed thanks to funding from a federal grant. Utilizing state-of-the-art laser technology, updated computer simulation models using high-resolution lidar topographic data, as well as knowledge gained from the 2004 Sumatra, 2010 Chile, and 2011 Tohoku earthquakes and tsunamis, DOGAMI created maps that highlight areas that would be affected by tsunamis caused by both distant and local earthquakes.

The evacuation zones on these maps were developed by the Oregon DOGAMI in consultation with local officials and emergency personnel. Evacuation routes were developed by local officials and reviewed by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Note that the tsunami inundation limits shown on these maps represent the *worst case scenario* for the two types of tsunamis shown. The inundation limits are intended only to guide tsunami evacuation for these two extreme events. These maps should not be used for land-use planning or engineering purposes.

To get a copy of the Florence evacuation map, visit http://www.oregongeology.org/pubs/tsubrochures/FlorenceEvacBrochure-8-29-13_onscreen.pdf. For more information on tsunamis, inundation zones, smart phone apps, and other evacuation maps, please visit www.oregontsunami.org.

What's happening at the FEC?

Did you know that tickets for upcoming shows can be purchased online at any time? Visit the FEC website for more information and to reserve your seat today! www.eventcenter.org

Siuslaw Estuary Partnership

An Integrated Multiple Objective Approach To Watershed Protection and Restoration

Submitted by Carol Heinkel, Planning Consultant

In September 2013, the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership project was completed when the City and County adopted the Aquifer Protection Plan and Wetlands and Riparian Areas Inventory and Plan. The unanimous decisions by the Florence City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners put into place key policies to protect these resources while balancing private property rights. Specific products adopted were the:

- ◆ “2013 Aquifer Protection Plan for the North Florence Sole Source Dunal Aquifer” and related Comprehensive Plan and City Code Amendments
- ◆ “2013 Florence Area Wetlands and Riparian Inventory,” and “2013 City of Florence Significant Wetlands and Riparian Corridors Plan: Comprehensive Plan and City Code Amendments”

The Aquifer Protection Plan was certified by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on September 18, 2013, and is now the City’s first state-certified drinking water protection plan. A key strategy in the Plan is adoption of the City’s Drinking Water Protection Overlay Zone, which provides for the City to work with businesses to protect the City’s future wellfields from possible hazardous materials contamination. In addition, the Siuslaw Interpretive Site Stormwater Demonstration Project, a match project for the Partnership, has been completed, as well as tidal wetland delineations, conducted through the Siuslaw Watershed Council.

The Siuslaw Estuary Partnership began in 2009 when the City was awarded a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for this four-year project “to protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in the lower Siuslaw Watershed.”

Other completed products include:

- ◆ Guiding Principles (endorsed by the City and its partners)
- ◆ Siuslaw Estuary Trail Vision: Preferred Location and Design approved by City Council Resolution on April 15, 2013
- ◆ Stormwater Design Manual and Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments
- ◆ Climate Change Report (specific to Florence area)
- ◆ Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Program (new EPA grant funding will continue for 2 more years)
- ◆ Key Estuary Wetlands Acquisition and Restoration (by the Siuslaw Watershed Council)



Stormwater, surface water, groundwater — it’s all connected. Protecting one protects the others.

The City is now performing the final tasks required to close-out the grant and ensure compliance with all EPA administrative conditions. Successful completion of this large, multi-faceted project places the City in a favorable position to receive future federal grants and the partnerships developed through this project will help facilitate positive working relationships with our federal, state, tribal, and local partners for years to come.



From left to right: Councilor Joe Henry, Councilor Brian Jagoe, Mayor Nola Xavier, Councilor Suzanne Roberts, Councilor Joshua Greene

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“The most memorable moments happened while standing tower watch. In particular, I was most moved by watching the sunrise through the steam of my thermos coffee, while listening to the call to prayer over multiple mosque intercom systems,” said Wendy. “I would watch the children in the mid-morning as they foraged through the streets, creating a makeshift game of jacks with a golf ball and rocks and hollering ‘chocolate’ up at the tower.”

KPRT’s mission was to empower local governments to govern their constituents more effectively through improvements in programs such as diplomacy, voting, media development, humanitarian supply, economic development, and civic construction projects, judicial systems, and agriculture. Wendy is pleased to return to the City of Florence and resume serving its residents and businesses in their quest for a livable and thriving community.

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.

October 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 New Gallery Shows Open FEC | 5 Indoor Yard Sale FEC 8am - 2pm |
| 6 | 7 City Council Meeting 7 pm | 8 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Spyro Gyra FEC 7 pm |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 TAC Meeting 2 pm | 17 EMAC Meeting 2 pm | 18 | 19 Emerald City Jazz Kings FEC 1:30 pm |
| 20 | 21 SDS Band Concert FEC - 7 pm ... City Council Meeting 7 pm | 22 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm | 23 FURA Meeting 6:30 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Siuslaw School District Band FEC 7 pm | 29 | 30 | 31 Senior Expo FEC 10am-4pm | | |