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A Note About Code Enforcement

Submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Dan Frazier

Hello everyone, my name is Dan Frazier, and I am the new City of Florence Code Enforcement Officer. I am sure glad to be here, and generally my experience has been that most of you are happy to have me. When I accepting this position I had no idea just how much behind the scenes work goes on to do the outward services provided by code enforcement, and all of the City Hall employees. After being in the position for 3 months I would like to share with you some things that you might not be aware of that are in our City Code, that are dealt with frequently if not daily. This time of the year everything is very dry, so it is important that we keep our yards trimmed and picked up, both for fire safety and general aesthetics for the neighborhood.



We get a lot of calls for dogs being left in cars, and while I understand that you are trying to be good to your pets and take them along, it may not be in their best interest to be left in a car while you just go into the store for a minute. Many times we go to the store for two or three items and walk out 45 minutes later with two or three bags of groceries. The internal temperature of a vehicle rises very quickly, even with cloudy days and windows cracked. The temperature inside a vehicle will rise to 100 degrees in as little as 20 minutes this time of the year.

Dog-at-large is another call that I get frequently. You are not allowed to let your dog run off-leash anywhere in the city limits except at the Singing Pines Dog Park located at 1444 Kingwood Street. The fine for having a dog-at-large is \$50 the first time, then \$100, \$200, \$400, and then the fifth time and all subsequent times the fine is \$750. Dogs are not allowed on or off-leash in Miller Park, it is very well posted all over the park, so please do not take your dog there.



Another issue that comes up frequently is vehicles and trailers being parked on streets. The City Code says that you are only allowed to park on the streets for 24 hours, after 72 hours it is considered storage on the streets. The entire City Code was developed with the public's safety in mind, and a desire to keep our community looking nice. Florence is a great place to live, and we all need to do our part to keep it that way.

Thank you for doing your part.
 Dan Frazier, City of Florence Code Enforcement Officer



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Travis Tibbetts, Field Assistant

Travis Tibbetts began working at the City of Florence in 2005 and serves as the Public Works Field Assistant. Travis oversees the “cross-connection” and “industrial pre-treatment” programs, reads meters, assists with general public works maintenance projects, and maintains the fuel quality at the Florence Municipal Airport (pictured above). Prior to working and living in Florence, Travis worked for a fencing and decking company out of Salem.

Travis and his lovely wife Victoria have four children—Eliesse, Ronan, Declan, and their new baby Audrah. In his free time, Travis enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his wife and kids, going fishing, and training for the highland games.

What do you enjoy most about working at the City?

“I work with a great crew and I enjoy the wide variety of tasks this job presents.”

What is the most rewarding aspect of working with the City?

“Getting a ‘contract testing program’ in place for the City’s residential backflow protection devices, which tests the systems annually.”

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

“We had to relocate ground squirrels that had been tunneling around the runway lights at the airport.”

Be Fall Weather Ready



Football. Kids returning to school. The crunch of leaves underfoot. Crisp mornings and warm afternoons. Fall means shorter days and cooler temperatures, and for many, it is their favorite season for all these reasons and more.

But this colorful season also contains significant weather hazards – ones that you can prepare for. **Be a Force of Nature** by knowing your risks, taking action, and being an example in your community.

Follow these four simple steps to be ready for the hazards of fall:

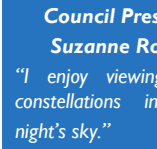
1. Prepare for Heavy Rains. With our extremely dry summer, we forget about the rains that occur in the fall. The fall rains typically begin around mid-October and last through spring. Significant storms can strike well beyond the fall months. Make sure you’re ready with an Emergency Supplies Kit that includes three days of food and water, batteries, flashlights, vital medications, and other items.
2. Turn Around, Don’t Drown. Floods aren’t just a spring phenomenon - they can happen any time after a major rainfall. Never drive into standing water – just two feet of rushing water is enough to carry away most vehicles. Remember: Turn Around, Don’t Drown.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCIL

What is your favorite fall activity?



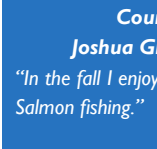
Mayor Nola Xavier
“I love to cook so when fall starts sending the wonderful varieties of squash, root veggies, etc. our way, I dig out the recipe books and begin to dream of stews, soups, roasted veggies, and baked items that will soon be mine to experiment with. That’s a lot of research with over 500 recipe books.”



Council President Suzanne Roberts
“I enjoy viewing the constellations in the night’s sky.”



Council Vice-Pres. Brian Jagoe
“I am just as busy in the fall with work as the rest of the year.”



Councilor Joshua Greene
“In the fall I enjoy going Salmon fishing.”



Councilor Joe Henry
“I would have to say I enjoy fishing for Tuna, Salmon, and Crab.”



Above: Crews install the scaffolding around the west water tank.

Right: Shrink wrap being installed on the outside of the scaffolding.



What's happening in these photos?

The City of Florence has contracted with Utility Services to perform maintenance on the City's three water tanks. Two of those tanks are located on the hill at 35th and Kingwood Streets with each holding two million gallons of water. Both the interior and the exterior of the water tanks will be cleaned and painted to ensure the longevity of this valuable infrastructure investment. In preparation of the maintenance to the water tanks crews needed to create a controlled environment to perform their work.

Utility Service crews installed scaffolding around the outside of the west two million gallon reservoir and then shrink wrapped the outside of the scaffolding.

Shrink wrap is used to provide the ideal working environment, allowing the contractor to control conditions inside the containment area as surface preparation is under way and interior work is being completed. In order to ensure a long lasting coating system, control over heating, cooling, dehumidification, and temperature needs to be maintained.

The work on the west tank was completed in September and it was brought back into service. Work on the east tank will begin depending on weather. The process used requires that temperatures stay above 50° F so that the paint can cure properly. Curing is both temperature and chemical based and warmth plays an important role for the proper cure. More information on the water tank maintenance projects can be found in the January 2014 edition of Focus on Florence.

Work on the west two million gallon water tank was completed in September.



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3. Practice Wildfire Safety. Although we live at the coast, we can have wildfires. Prepare your home by cleaning out gutters, inspecting chimneys, clearing brush and other foliage from around your home, and by taking other defensive measures. Create a Family Communications Plan so that you'll be able to get in touch with loved ones in case a wildfire separates you.
4. Prepare for Winter. Winter storms can knock out power for days at a time. Make sure that your family is ready with the supplies that they'll need to survive. This means creating an Emergency Supplies Kit that should include a NOAA Weather Radio, shovels, blankets, and clothing to stay warm. If you have a generator, be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning – do not use it indoors!

Now that you're weather-ready, spread the word. Tell your friends on Facebook and Twitter that you're prepared for fall weather hazards such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms. Your actions will inspire others to be prepared. Be a Force of Nature to help make all of us safer.



The City of Florence is a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. To learn more about the NOAA Weather-Ready Nation initiative please visit <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>.



The Lucky 13 Tips for a Safe Halloween

Ghouls and goblins will take over the night. But even scary creatures need to be safe and celebrate Halloween right. Halloween's greatest hazards aren't vampires and villains, but falls, costume mishaps and automobile collisions. The American Red Cross want your family to have a safe Halloween so they have provided these tips, **the Lucky 13**:

1. Map out the route that you plan to roam, so adults are assured you will find your way home!
2. From the bravest of superheroes to the noblest of knights, everyone should remember to bring their flashlights!
3. If you visit a house where a stranger resides, accept treats at the door and, please, don't go inside.
4. When you get ready to put on your disguise, use face paint instead of masks, which will cover your eyes.
5. Always remember, before you embark, to wear light-colored clothing to be seen in the dark! (And remember to use reflective tape, even on bikes, and brooms and the edges of your cape!)
6. Whether you walk, slither or sneak, do it on the sidewalks and not in the street.
7. As you roam through the neighborhood collecting your treats, please look both ways before crossing the street! (And speaking of streets, the corners are the place for trick or treaters to cross no matter their pace.)
8. Wigs, capes and costumes are flammable attire, so avoid open flames to prevent a fire!
9. Use a glow stick instead of a candle so your jack-o-lantern isn't a safety gamble!
10. You may fly on a broom or a space ship from Mars, but please be on the lookout for drivers in cars! (Between parked cars is no place to hide, be sure that you're seen whether you're a clown or a bride.)
11. Monsters and zombies should stay off the lawn, and only visit homes with their porch lights turned on!
12. You may be dressed as a werewolf, a cat or a frog, but be cautious around strange animals, especially dogs.
13. Have a grown-up inspect your candy when you're done trick-or-treating to remove open packages and choking hazards before eating.



American Red Cross For additional information on how you and your family can be prepared for emergencies on Halloween or on any day of the year, please contact our local Eugene chapter or visit www.redcross.org/or/eugene.

Columbus Day Festival in Historic Old Town

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to partake in the Columbus Day Festival on Sunday, October 12th from 12pm to 8pm. Join them for another adventure in Historic Old Town Florence and celebrate the voyage of Columbus and the discovery of America. Come enjoy the sights, sounds and shops of Historic Old Town Florence - **Come See What We See!**

- Wander around Old Town with Columbus & Isabella!
- Go on a Glass Float Treasure Hunt
- Enjoy live entertainment in Gazebo Park
- Enter a drawing for treasure chests of prizes! (must be over 21 to enter)
- Sample chowder and other tasty Italian & Spanish fare at local restaurants from 11am to 4pm.



For more information on this event, contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at (541) 997-3128.

What's the Cost?: Street Maintenance in 2014

Summer 2014 has been an extremely busy summer with various road construction activities. City crews completed 6 lane miles of crack sealing and our contractors completed 1.75 lane miles of chip and fog sealing, street rehabilitation (street reconstruction), and even a minor overlay.

Our Street Maintenance Program (SMP) focuses on extending the lifespan of roadways and minimizing the cost of maintaining a viable road surface. Proper pavement management through the SMP along with assessments of utilities, sidewalks, and curbs helps to prioritize road maintenance and reconstruction projects.

Street pavement deterioration is caused by many factors, including the freeze/thaw cycle, traffic loading, the effects of moisture, and the quality of the soils beneath the street. As pavement deteriorates, certain types of distresses occur (potholes, settling, rutting, cracking). These distresses indicate what type of maintenance or rehabilitation is needed to prolong the lifespan of a street in a cost-effective manner.

The Life of a Street

Did you ever think about the "life" of a street? Consider a street's youth, for example. When a pavement is new, it is really very resilient, taking all the abuse our community throws at it, from our residential, commercial, and construction uses to our visitor traffic. It also holds up well to the seasonal abuse of rain, snow, heat and cold, without showing much sign of wear. With the passage of time, the effects of traffic and weather begin to show. If you look closely you will see cracks begin to appear and the pavement starts to unravel around the edges. The streets even begin to sag in places. However, at this point the street is still in pretty good condition as the foundation is still sound. As still more time goes by, the street continues to lose its ability to "bounce back" from the effects of traffic and weather. After years of adequate service, it reaches a point where it begins to deteriorate more rapidly. The existing cracks become wider and potholes begin to appear. Water from the rain and snow will seep through these cracks and potholes, weakening the gravel base and soil beneath the asphalt. Soon, the weak and aging pavement will no longer be able to stand up to the traffic and weather and the street will fail.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. The City's annual Street Maintenance Program is designed to prolong the life of a street by applying **preventative maintenance**, such as crack sealing, chip and fog seals, and grind inlay (asphalt overlay), before the pavement reaches the final stage of its life - the period of rapid deterioration followed by total reconstruction also known as street rehabilitation. An asphalt overlay is part facelift and part reincarnation. After the overlay, the street will look very much like it did when it was new, and will again be able to withstand the effects of traffic and weather. And, the very best part of all this is that **preventative maintenance** saves the taxpayers a bundle of money.

Typical Costs

Let's take a look at the average cost of these preventative maintenance activities as compared to the cost of a street rehabilitation.

Crack sealing is our first line of defense in preserving the life cycle of the street network. Cracks can form in asphalt pavement through various modes of distress. Regardless of how the cracks form, they must be repaired to help protect the pavement structure. If the cracks are not maintained, they can ravel and increase in size. Unsealed cracks allow water to penetrate into the structure from the pavement surface, which eventually causes potholes and further



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deterioration. Water intrusion is the number one enemy of pavements. Crack sealing is the single most important and cost effective maintenance option used to help protect the pavement structure. It is often placed in advance of overlays and surface treatments to improve performance. Crack sealing costs on average \$0.44 per square yard or \$3,094 per lane mile.

Chip seal is used to maintain, protect and prolong the life of an existing street or road. It will improve the skid resistance to allow for a safer driving surface, improve the overall appearance, provide a weatherproof membrane to repel moisture from damaging the base, and extends the useful life of the existing pavement. Chip sealing coupled with a fog seal can help preserve a collector or arterial street an additional 8-10 years. Chip seals cost \$4.02 per square yard or \$42,400 per lane mile.

An asphalt overlay is the application of the top layer of asphalt onto the existing pavement surface. Hot mix asphalt (HMA) is mixed, placed, and compacted at elevated temperatures, hence the name. HMA material is a precisely engineered product composed of about 95 percent stone, sand, and gravel by weight, and about 5 percent asphalt cement, a petroleum product. Asphalt cement acts as the glue to hold the pavement together. Overlays average \$13 – \$15 per square yard or \$105,600 per lane mile.

A street rehabilitation project, otherwise known as a street reconstruction project is exactly what the name implies, reconstruction of the street. The existing asphalt is removed as well as the gravel base, if any, and the road bed is excavated to the proper depth for a new road base and then a new asphalt road surface. Reconstruction costs average \$55-70 per square yard or \$387,200 – 495,000 per lane mile.

As we can see, crack sealing is the least expensive at \$0.44 per square yard, then chip seals at \$4.02 per square yard; followed by overlays between \$13-\$15 square yard and then finally street rehabilitation at \$55-\$70 per square yard.

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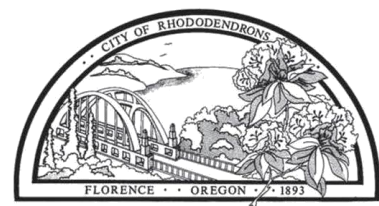


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What's Happening at the Florence Events Center?

Want to know what's happening at the Florence Events Center (FEC) this week? Tune in to KCST 106.9 every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am for information on the FEC's upcoming events for the week. FEC staff will provide updates on upcoming events and review the latest happenings at the Florence Events Center.



October events can be viewed on the City Calendar below. For more information on upcoming events, please visit www.eventcenter.org or contact the FEC at 541-997-1994.

Don't forget you can also tune in Mondays at 8:30 am for Florence Focus to hear what's happening in the City.

City Calendar

For more information about meetings contact City Hall at 541-997-3437.
For information on events & concerts contact the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 KCST Our Town Candidates Forum FEC 4 pm—7 pm	2 Taste of Home Cooking School FEC 4 pm	3	4 Oktoberfest FEC 8 am—8 pm
5	6 City Council Meeting 7 pm @ City Hall ... Siuslaw High School Band 7 pm @ FEC	7 Get a Flu Shot FEC 11 am—5 pm	8	9	10 Hazardous Waste Disposal Transfer Site 12 pm—5 pm	11 Hazardous Waste Disposal Transfer Site 8 am—2 pm Regional Art Alliance Show FEC 11 am—5 pm ... Jazz Kings "Come Fly With Me" 1:30 pm @ FEC
12 Regional Art Alliance Show FEC 11 am—5pm ... Old Town Columbus Day Festival 12pm—8pm Eugene Ballet's Cinderella FEC @ 2 pm	13	14 Planning Commission City Hall 7 pm	15 Van Fans Fundraiser 11:30 am @ FEC	16 Get a Flu Shot FEC 11 am—5 pm EMAC City Hall 2 pm	17	18 Yard Debris Disposal Day 9am—2pm 27th St.
19	20 City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm	21	22 TAC City Hall 6 pm ... FURA Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm	23	24	25
26 She Loves Me Not FEC 2:00 pm	27	28 Planning Commission City Hall 7 pm	29	30 Senior Expo FEC 10 am—3 pm	31 	