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A City in Motion

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October 2016

Florence Celebrates National Arts & Humanities Month

Join the Celebration of



NATIONAL
arts&humanities
MONTH

At the October 3, 2016, City Council meeting Mayor Henry proclaimed October 2016 as National Arts and Humanities Month to

No matter who you are or where you live there are many ways YOU can celebrate the arts this October!

celebrate the arts in Florence. The Florence Public Arts Committee, the Siuslaw Library, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, and many others have been working diligently to highlight the arts and humanities in our community. You can read Mayor Henry's proclamation below and check out page 3 for a list of events throughout Florence this month.

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH OCTOBER 2016

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and



WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence recognizes the economic impact of the arts in our 'City in Motion' and has developed a Public Art Program and Committee to help assist this grassroots effort in creating economic vitality through the arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence Public Art Committee's mission is to integrate art into the daily life of our community and inspire extraordinary creative expression that will enrich public awareness, enhancing the vitality, economy and diversity of Florence through the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Florence, I do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities month in the City of Florence and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and specifically encourage the greater participation by those said citizens in taking action for the arts and humanities in their communities.

See National Arts & Humanities Month, Page 3

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner

On Friday, October 7th, Mayor Joe Henry and the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum hosted the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner at the Florence Events Center to show our thanks to our local men and women serving at the US Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.



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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*NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH, Page 1***JOIN THE LOCAL CELEBRATION!**

- 10/1 - Oktoberfest @ FEC
 10/2 - Siuslaw HS Cheerleaders increase awareness about Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Bay Street
 10/3 - Proclamation by Mayor Joe Henry at City Council Meeting @ City Hall (City of Florence) 6pm
 10/8 - Dancing with Sea Lions Gala @ FEC
 10/8 - 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour @ Various Locations/2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com
 10/8 - demArts @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 10/8 - Joann Chartier Show @ Kenneth B Gallery
 10/8 & 9 - Chowder Fest & Wine Walk
 10/12 - Ned Hickson discusses his latest book @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 10/15 - Group Exhibition @ Silver Lining Boutique
 10/15 - Jazz Kings presents Mood Indigo @ FEC
 10/15 - Artistic Visions Artists Reception @ FEC
 10/15 - Bras for a Cause Dinner and Auction @ FEC
 10/16 - Wine, Women, and Who Knows What?" Wine Tasting @ FEC
 10/22 - What's Your Story? Storytelling Starter Workshop @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 10/21 - Mud & Vino @ Alissa Clark Clayworks
 10/27 - Good Life Boomer and Senior Expo @ FEC
 10/28 - 1st Year Celebration of FRAA's Art Center @ FRAA
 10/28 to 31 - Scare-C.R.O.W. 2016! @ C.R.O.W.
 10/29 - The Art of Felting @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 10/29 - An Evening with Chad & Jeremy @ FEC
 10/31 - Halloween

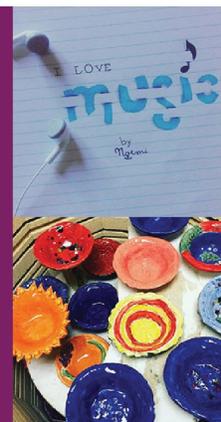
All Month

- Tuesdays & Fridays - Storytime & Activity @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 Saturdays - Painting with John Leasure @ FRAA
 Wednesdays - Painting with Michael Wood @FRAA
 Wednesdays & Thursdays - Ceramics @ Alissa Clark Clayworks
 Mondays - Laptime for Babies @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 1st & 3rd Fridays - Lego Club @ Siuslaw Public Library District (Florence Branch)
 Various films, plays, concerts, ballet, opera @ City Lights Cinemas
 Various Classes & Programs @ Lane Community College
 Various Dance, Vocal, Piano Classes @ C.R.O.W.
 Diverse range of programs, music & more @ KXCR & KCST Radio Stations

JOIN THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION!**Celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month!****#ShowYourArt on  @Americans4Arts**

Each day in October, share your photos on Instagram following these daily themes:

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| 1. Dance | 11. Red | 21. Art in schools |
| 2. Yellow | 12. Theatre | 22. Blue |
| 3. Visual art | 13. The word "art" | 23. Culinary art |
| 4. Animals | 14. Doodling | 24. Art in nature |
| 5. Fashion | 15. Tattoos | 25. Photography |
| 6. Literature | 16. Digital art | 26. Art supplies |
| 7. Purple | 17. Green | 27. Architecture |
| 8. Art in your town | 18. Movies/film | 28. Art indoors |
| 9. Music | 19. Sculpture | 29. Typographic art |
| 10. Handcrafts/DIY | 20. Hidden art | 30. Orange |
| | | 31. Artist's choice |



Upcoming Changes to Your Utility Bill

As a City, we work hard to stretch our resources to meet the growing needs of our community. We are continuously looking for ways to become more efficient and effective in the services we provide to our citizens. In our efforts to reduce costs and improve customer service, our utility customers will see some changes in how they are billed for City services.

At the beginning of October, you should have received a flyer outlining the upcoming changes in our billing system. These changes will be effective with the October billings that will be sent out in on or around November 1st and are due November 15th. The City will be contracting with an outside vendor for printing and mailing services related to the City's utility bills and other mass notifications, as well as payment processing for mailed-in checks.

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What to Expect?

As we move forward with this change, you will notice a few differences.

1. Your new "City Services Bill" will look similar, but the formatting and visuals will be more in line with the City's other public documents and publications.
2. The return coupon will now be at the bottom of your statement rather than the top.
3. Two years ago we added paperless billing and online payments through Xpress Bill Pay. We are continuing our partnership with Xpress Bill Pay to begin processing payments made by check. Your mailed-in payments will now be sent to Xpress Bill Pay's payment processing center located in Utah via their Post Office Box.



We have been working with Xpress Bill Pay for over two years and are confident this new change will be relatively seamless for our customers.

Can I still pay at City Hall?

Yes. Since sending out our notice in the most recent billing, we have received a variety of questions from concerned citizens regarding their ability to continue to pay in person at City Hall. We will still be accepting payments at the counter, over the phone, and via the drop box in the parking lot. If you have opted-in for paperless billing and pay your bill online, you will not see a change in how your bill is delivered and how your payment is processed. The only significant change our customers should see is that their check payments sent via the postal service will be mailed to a Utah Post Office Box for processing. Check out page 5 for a full list of payment methods.

Why are we contracting out these services?

City staff currently perform the printing and mailing services in-house on a monthly basis for both the regular utility bills and the late notices. This process includes the cost of materials (stationery, envelopes, etc.), postage, equipment maintenance, and the staff time required to monitor, sort, and process over 4,000 bills per month. Contracting this service out allows us to leverage reduced costs to save approximately 12.5% on our materials and postage alone. This also allows us to save the cost of staff time required for processing those mailings and the thousands of payments sent in each month. We will be able to more efficiently and effectively utilize our employees to serve our community.

*CITY SERVICE BILL, Page 4***City of Florence Bill Payment Options**

There are several ways customers can pay their City Service Bill each month. The options are listed below.

Xpress Bill Pay

Once a customer creates an Xpress Bill Pay account, they can start automatic payments from a credit card or checking account, make a one-time payment, and request paperless billing. To create an account with Xpress Bill Pay, go to the City's website and click "Pay Your Bill". If you need assistance setting up or updating your account, you can call Xpress Bill Pay's customer service line at 800-768-7295.

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**Direct Pay**

Direct Pay is an automatic withdrawal from a checking account around the 18th of every month. To sign up for Direct Pay a customer must complete a form authorizing the withdrawal and attach a voided check. The forms are available at City Hall or on the City's website.

Pay by Mail

Customers may mail a check or money order using the return envelope enclosed with your monthly statement. Beginning November 2016, your payment will be sent to Xpress Bill Pay's payment processing center located in Utah.

**Drop Box**

The City has a payment drop box located in the south parking lot of City Hall along 1st Street. Payments left in the drop box are posted to accounts the following business day. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.

Pay in Person

If you would like to make a cash payment, need a receipt, or have questions about your utility bill, you can come to the finance department counter located on the south side of City Hall. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Pay by Phone**

Customers can make payments over the phone using a credit card by calling the Finance Department at (541) 997-3436. We take Visa, Mastercard, and Discover.

If you have any questions regarding your City Services Bill or your current utility service, you should still contact the Utility Billing Department at 541-997-3436.



City of Florence Recreational Marijuana Tax Fact Sheet

A proposed tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and marijuana items will appear on the November 8, 2016 ballot as Measure 20-251. The measure will give registered voters the opportunity to approve or disapprove a proposed city tax on recreational marijuana retailers' sale of marijuana items within the City of Florence.

Q. What does the marijuana tax measure propose?

A. If adopted by the voters, this measure would impose a city tax on sales of marijuana items (including marijuana, marijuana products and marijuana extracts) by recreational marijuana retailers licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and located within the City of Florence. This tax would be in addition to the state tax already imposed on marijuana items.

Q. What would the city tax rate on recreational marijuana sales be in the City of Florence?

A. If adopted by the voters, the City Council would have the authority to set the amount of the city tax, but the city tax could not exceed the amount allowed by state law which is currently capped at three percent of the retail sales price of a marijuana item.

Q. How would the tax be collected?

A. If adopted by the voters, the tax would be collected from consumers by recreational marijuana retailers at the point of sale. Recreational marijuana retailers would remit the tax to the City.

Q. Would the tax be imposed on medical marijuana sales?

A. No, if the tax is adopted by voters it will not be imposed on medical marijuana items.

Q. Where would the tax money go?

A. If adopted by the voters, revenue collected from the tax would be available for the City to use for any city purpose.

Q. How would this measure affect the state tax on recreational marijuana?

A. If the measure is adopted by voters, the city would impose a 3% city tax on top of the already existing 17% state tax, making the total tax 20% on recreational marijuana items within the City of Florence.

Q. Would this measure legalize recreational marijuana in the City of Florence?

A. No, recreational marijuana was legalized by Measure 91, passed by voters on November 4th, 2014. If adopted, this measure would allow the City of Florence to tax recreational marijuana retail sales within Florence city limits.

Q. Are recreational marijuana sales allowed in Florence, and if so where?

A. Yes, recreational marijuana sales have been allowed in Florence since October 1, 2015. For more information on the zoning districts where recreational marijuana retail stores are permitted, please visit the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us/planning/marijuana-business-regulations.

Q. Where can I read the full ballot measure and explanatory statement?

A. The full ballot title and explanatory statement, as well as other information on the measure, can be found on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-recreational-marijuana-tax-measure.

Public Information provided by the City of Florence. For more information regarding the recreational marijuana tax measure please visit the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-recreational-marijuana-tax-measure or call 541-997-3437.

Water and Sewer Improvement Project

Munsel Lake Road and North Fork Siuslaw River Road

During August and September, Morello Construction has been installing a new 8-inch water main to provide adequate domestic and fire protection to existing customers along a portion of Munsel Lake Road near the intersection of North Fork Siuslaw River Road. In addition, our contractor installed a new 8-inch gravity sanitary sewer line to provide sewer service to properties along North Fork Siuslaw River Road.

Since our water and sewer facilities are for the most part underground, citizens may not understand some of the complexities of installing these facilities within already existing roadways. For instance, in order to avoid having to totally reconstruct Munsel Lake Road, which is still under Lane County jurisdiction for maintenance, the new sewer line was installed beneath the existing roadside ditch. The ditch is deep, which meant that the sewer line had to be installed even deeper. The new sewer line, at its shallowest point has 2 feet of cover (another way of saying it is that the sewer line is at least two feet beneath the bottom of the ditch).

In order to avoid reconstructing the Munsel Lake Road, the new 8-inch water main was installed in the paved shoulder next to the fog line. This provided good horizontal separation between the water and sewer facilities. We have 7 feet of horizontal separation and 4 ½ to 5 ½ feet of vertical separation (the water line is located 36-inches under the road surface) which meets and exceeds separation requirements by the State of Oregon.



Reshaped roadside ditch along Munsel Lake Road. Yellow arrows show the location of the drainage line from the LDS Church parking areas.



Placing CLSM (controlled low-strength material) over the new sewer line. CLSM is a self-consolidating, cementing material used as backfill as an alternative to compacted fill.

Some inquiring minds have asked about the reshaping of the roadside ditch, specifically “Why is the new ditch so deep?” The roadside ditch really isn’t any deeper than it was when the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) was built. Over the years, vegetation growth and sedimentation have masked the true depth of the roadside ditch. During our construction project, we actually discovered that the stormwater drain lines from the church parking lot were buried under the sediment deposits. The roadside ditch is now reshaped to meet the original drainage elevations and maintain positive flow.

Currently, the project is 90% complete. The water and sewer portion is complete and operational. The remaining items are driveway repairs, asphalt paving repair, and landscape restoration.

Citing the Municipal Code

It's that time again, I get to share some of the City Code that seems to be relevant at this point and time. One thing that I am dealing with more and more is the illegal camping issue. Allowing someone to camp in a tent, a trailer, a fifth wheel, or a motorhome on your property is not permitted within the City limits. I understand that times are tough and people tend to want to help out family and friends by letting them stay in trailers, fifth wheels, and motorhomes, but it is not allowed by City Code.



Another thing that is becoming an issue is the accumulation of garbage and debris in yards. Under the Nuisance Code (Title 6, Chapter 1), you are not allowed to accumulate brush piles or garbage within the City limits. When garbage is allowed to accumulate wild animals start to get into it and scatter it around, or the wind blows it into other people's yards or the storm drains causing all kinds of havoc, thus the title "nuisance." We live in a beautiful little city; let's all do our part to keep it that way.

If you would like to view sections of the City Code, or the entire document, you can do so online at www.ci.florence.or.us. While you are there, check out the new City of Florence website. I think you will like it. If you have any questions about the City Code I would be happy to answer them.

Thank you,

Dan Frazier, Code Enforcement Officer
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UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, Page 7

Community members may notice a change at the intersection of Munsel Lake and North Fork Siuslaw River Roads. In working with the County, we will be re-establishing the original road geometry (the corner) as it looked back in 2005. During the last 11-12 years, the corner has slowly deteriorated and become much larger, plus traffic has created a "cut-across/parking area" next to the utility pads. The County has also approved a new berm along the right shoulder of Munsel Lake Road that will be vegetated (small plantings) to help discourage motorists from cutting across the corner.

For more information on this and other projects, visit the City's website at www.ci.florence.or.us or call Public Works at 541-997-4106.



Crews from Morello Construction preparing the final tie over from the existing 6-inch water system (white pipe) to the new 8-inch (blue pipe) water system.

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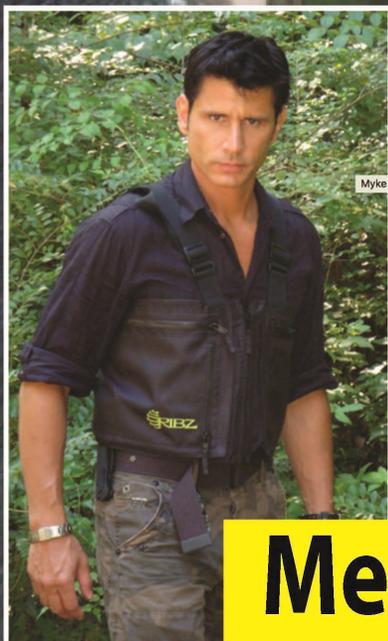
Saturday, November 5, 2016

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City Council Meetings

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Regular Meetings
Mon., Oct. 3, 6:00 PM
Mon., Oct. 17, 6:00 PM

Work Session
Wed., Oct. 5, 6:00 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 & materials call 541-997-3437 or visit 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: OCTOBER 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
						Hazard Waste Disposal 8 am—2 pm, 2820 Rhody Dr.
2	3 City Council 6 pm, City Hall	4	5 City Council Work Session 10 am, City Hall #StartupFloCo 5:30 pm, City Lights Cantus 7 pm, FEC	6	7 Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner 6 pm, FEC	8  Dancing with Sea Lions Auction 6 pm, FEC
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16 "Wine, Women, & Who Knows What?" Wine Tasting 5 pm—7 pm, FEC	17 City Council 6 pm, City Hall	18 Econ. Dev. Committee 2:30 pm, City Hall	19 TAC 1:30 pm, City Hall	20 EMAC 2 pm, City Hall	21 Gypsy Camp Vintage Market 4 pm—8 pm, FEC	22 Gypsy Camp Vintage Market 10 am—4 pm, FEC
23 National Guard Convoy 10 am—2 pm, FEC	24 Public Art Committee 10 am, City Hall	25 Planning Commission 7 pm, City Hall	26 FURA 6 pm, City Hall	27	28 Senior Expo 7 pm, FEC	29 An Evening with Chad & Jeremy 7 pm, FEC
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