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City Making Progress on Council Goals

Submitted by **Jacque Betz**
 City Manager

For municipalities to make progress there needs to be a clear set of goals and expectations, as agendas can change quickly when



Jacque Betz

issues arise within a community. The Florence City Council annually adopts work goals for staff to focus

on so that the elected officials can clearly articulate how we are

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Surveillance System Installed at Miller Park



A new surveillance system was recently installed at Miller Park. An increase in park vandalism over the past year led to the Public Works and Police Department to partner in the installation of a Police Observation Device (POD) at Miller Park. Funding for the POD came from a Lane County drug interdiction grant and it features four cameras with optical zoom and a 500gb digital video recorder, providing law enforcement the opportunity to review specific dates and times. Above, Parks Supervisor Mark Durbin (yellow jacket) assists with the POD installation.

Transportation Plan Public Hearing Continues

Submitted by **Community Development**

The Florence City Council will continue to take testimony on the Draft Transportation System Plan during a public hearing scheduled for Monday, September 10th starting at 6 pm. 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. From the following page on the city's website, <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/planning/transportation-system-plan-0>, you can view the agenda item summaries and minutes from the Council meetings as well as find a link to the Draft Plan and project website.

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Employee Spotlight

Building Official Carl Dependahl

Carl Dependahl has seen his share of strange occurrences during the more than 20 years he has been a Building Official and Inspector, but a canine driver?

“I thought I saw a dog driving a car today...chasing developer Jim Hurst,” said Carl. “Turns out it was just his car being towed behind his RV...with the dog at the wheel. I had to look twice.”

Looking at things two, three or even four times is part of the job when you are a Building Official and Inspector. Carl is responsible for administering and enforcing the Oregon Building Codes and Florence City Code as they relate to construction. Before coming to the City of Florence five-and-a-half years ago, Carl served as the Building Official for the City of Grants Pass.

When he is not busy inspecting, Carl enjoys playing guitar, reading, working in his yard and floating down the river. The proud father of two sons and a daughter, Carl and his wife Carol also have nine grandkids, three dogs and two cats.

“We are going on vacation this November to visit our son Jason, who has moved to Hawaii,” said Carl. “But we’re not driving.” The dog, apparently, isn’t driving either.



Building Official Carl Dependahl has worked for the City of Florence for nearly six years.

What do you like most about being a Building Official?

“I like helping people solve problems working through an often complex process. I like being able to translate the technical and legal requirements to a practical ‘human’ scale.”

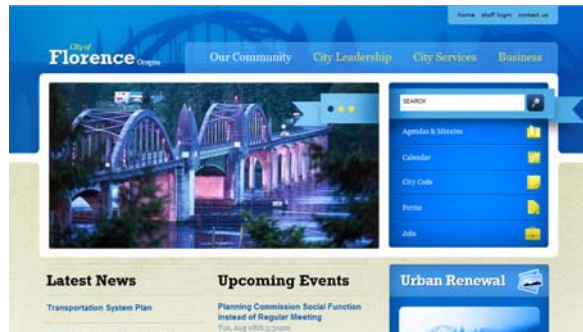
Proudest or most rewarding moment at the City?

“Many! I enjoyed working on the Florence Senior Center, even gaining some friends in the process. I’ve enjoyed seeing people have (or even develop) a sense of trust and fair play in our code enforcement and permit process.”

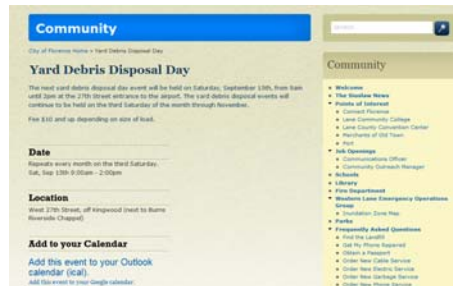
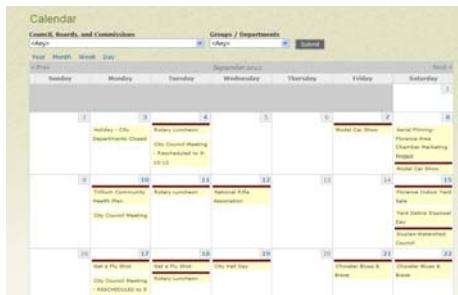
Q: Where can I find out ...? A: The City Web

Submitted by City Manager's Office

Your yard looks great after all the work you did, except for that pile of debris. So when is the next Yard Debris Disposal Day? You hear the City Council is discussing future transportation plans and you want to know more. Where can you find out? You can call City Hall and we will be glad to help you. You can also find answers on the City of Florence Web site. And, the great thing is that a Web Site is open for business 24/7 and contains a wealth of information including pictures, maps, copies of resolutions, ordinances, minutes, you name it.



So how do you go about finding what you need? There are a number of ways to get to the information. These include: using the Menus at the top and to the right of each page, from the City Calendar, or using the Search bar. [Here is a short guided tour to get you started.](#) You know that Yard Debris Disposal Days happen approximately once a month, but when exactly? To find out go to the City of Florence home page on <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/>. Click through to the **Calendar** using the **Menu** to the right of the page. This will take you to the Calendar for this month where you will find that it is on September 15th. If you need to know more, such as where and what time to go and what the fee might be, just click on the event to get to a page with more details. You can click on most Calendar listings, to find out more, e.g. the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.



Another way to find the same information is to use the **Search bar** which appears on every page. Just type in a key word or two, such as – planning commission – click on the search icon and then chose the item in the list of results that looks most likely to give you what you wanted to know.



Just about everything you might want to know can be found on our Web pages, from information on construction projects, how to obtain a building permit, purchasing tickets to the new opera at the Florence Events Center, recent crime reports... you name it. We publicize important and timely information on the **City of Florence** home page and the **Our Community**, **City Leadership**, **City Services** and **Business** pages. Next time you have a question, why not take a look on <http://www.ci.florence.or.us>. You may just find what you are looking for right there at your fingertips. And if you can't find exactly what you need do call us on 997-3437 and we will be happy to help you.

BLACK & WHITE RECYCLING EVENT A SUCCESS

Submitted by Community Development

Florence area residents dropped off 465 tires, 52 propane tanks, 29 refrigerators, 12 microwaves, six dishwashers, six dryers, five stoves, four washing machines, and 4.5 cubic yards of miscellaneous small items at the Black and White Recycling Event held August 18th. During this free event, sponsored by the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC), County Transfer and Recycling, and Central Coast Disposal, people not only got these items out of their house or yard, they also made sure that they are processed in an environmentally friendly way.

Many appliances that no longer work can be used

for scrap metal. A process is completed that removes any harmful elements and iron from the appliance, and in some cases, the body or case can be re-used. Markets exist for used tires to be used as fuel, recycled, or converted to ground rubber.

Given the amount collected, event organizer Bonnie MacDuffee said she would like to see

“Black and White” Recycling become an annual event. Special thanks go to the Siuslaw School District for allowing the use of the high school parking lot and to Lane County for providing a fee waiver of \$1500 to process some of the tires. Business partners making this event possible include Potter Tire & Auto Repair, and Les Schwab Tire Center.

Mark your calendars now for the Household Hazardous Waste Event scheduled for October 19 and 20 at the Florence Transfer Site off of Rhododendron Drive.

Items accepted include: acids and bases, fluorescent lamps/PCB ballasts (4 feet or less in length), fuels/solvents, household batteries, household cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, paint/stains/strippers/thinners, poisons, and pool chemicals. There is a five gallon maximum on containers. Almost any type of household hazardous waste will be accepted. Exceptions include asbestos and radioactive materials (including smoke detectors). For more information about what is accepted, see the county’s website at <http://www.lanecounty.org/departments/pw/wmd/hazwaste/pages/hhwcc.aspx>.





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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The City Council has not yet prioritized the capital improvement projects included in the Draft Plan. 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. Please include a mailing address if providing comments by email or fax. For more information call 541-997-8237.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Holiday City Hall Closed	4	5	6	7 Model Car Show FEC 10 am to 5 pm	8 Model Car Show FEC 10 am to 4 pm
9	10 City Council Meeting Transportation Plan Public Hearing 6 pm	11	12	13	14	15 Yard Debris Disposal Day 9 am to 2 pm Indoor Yard Sale FEC 8 am to 2 pm
16	17 Get a Flu Shot FEC 11 am to 5 pm	18 Get a Flu Shot FEC 11 am to 5 pm	19 City Hall Day 10 am to 2 pm	20	21 Chowder Blues & Brews FEC 5 to 10 pm	22 Chowder Blues & Brews FEC 1 to 10 pm
23	24 City Council Meeting 7 pm	25 TENTATIVE Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm	26	27 Get a Flu Shot FEC 11 am to 5 pm	28 Eugene Ballet FEC 7 pm	29 Florence Festival of Books FEC 10 am to 4 pm
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