



Thomas "Matt" Gogas
Treatment Plant Operator (Wastewater)
April 24th



Jenny Cocciolo
Facilities Maintenance Worker
May 30th



Aaron Couture
Police Officer
June 26th



Isaiah Wilson
Police Officer
July 24

Employee Recognition - New Employees

August 7, 2023

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item #1

Public Comment

Speaker's Cards & Written Comments Received

Speaker's Cards – *In order of receipt*

- **Speaker 1** – Michael Allen (Including written comments)

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Submission information

Form: [Request to Address City Council \(Speaker's Card\)](#), [1]

Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Sun, 07/16/2023 - 7:40pm

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Name

Michael Allen

City Council Meeting Date

Mon, 07/17/2023

Agenda Item Number

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Please note if you are speaking as an proponent, opponent, or neutral party

Proponent

Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss

Opportunity to learn about ways to work with Lane County on climate change

Do you Represent an Organization?

Yes

Name of Organization

Florence Climate Emergency Campaign and Elders Climate Action - Oregon Chapter

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Links

[1] <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card>

To: Mayor Ward, City Councilors Wantz, Beaudreau, Meyer and Carp, and City Manager Reynolds
From: Michael Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign, Elders Climate Action Oregon Chapter
Date: August 7, 2023
Subject: EMAC Subcommittee participation, Updates for climate petition and climate strikes

****EMAC SUBCOMMITTEE PARTICIPATION****

The Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is forming an Environmental Subcommittee and a "Green Team" for our youth. I asked the EMAC staff if the subcommittees can include interested folks not on the EMAC? Here is their answer.

"EMAC subcommittees are required to work only on projects approved by City Council in the workplan, so if there were to be the inclusion of non-committee members on the EMAC subcommittees it would be to include them for a purpose specific to a certain workplan item, **at the behest of the mayor or Council**. At this time, EMAC **does not need** to include non-committee members on its subcommittees for the topics/items being discussed." On a positive note I was encouraged to stay tuned to see what develops.

Please give the EMAC the authority to invite expertise from the community to join them on their subcommittees.

****CLIMATE PETITION UPDATE****

I collected 20 signatures for our climate petition at the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk on Tuesday afternoon during the Farmers Market. Our first signatures came from a family of four from Colorado Springs, my former hometown. They were touring lighthouses along our Oregon coast since one of them was in the Coast Guard at Coos Bay in the early 90's. Three people signed from Vancouver, Canada who were touring our coast by motorcycle and two from Salt Lake City. Closer to home two each signed from Portland and Eugene and seven from Florence. One of our Florence signers arrived by electric bike. All had stories to tell about their own reasons for signing the petition. All were concerned that our city is ignoring what is happening around the world and doing nothing. Our total number of signatories is now 1,666.

Please honor our petition by partnering with Lane County staff and developing a joint plan to go after federal dollars to address climate change. Be transparent and let the public know the outcome of your discussions.

****CLIMATE STRIKE UPDATE****

Pat and I conducted Climate Strike # 203 in front of City Hall on Friday. We had two most fantastic visitors. One was the wife of a former science teacher at Siuslaw High School who was prepared to teach a Sustainability class for freshman before he left. We were sorry to see him leave since climate change education in our schools is so lacking. Our second new visitor was Timothy Ingalsbee. Timothy came right up to thank us for conducting our strike. Timothy informed me that he had an opinion piece printed in the Eugene Weekly. His subject was climate and wild fire. Here is a link to a Viewpoint article that contains a mini--bio for Timothy that appeared in a previous Eugene Weekly. <https://eugeneweekly.com/2022/09/01/humility-and-hope-for-the-future/> It never ceases to amaze me that just being out there on the street allows one to meet such amazing people. It assures me that we are not alone in advocating for climate change actions.

Please allow us to return our signs to the edge of the road in positions not obstructing pedestrian traffic during our strikes.





CDBG

#H21009 Housing Rehabilitation Grant

Second Public Hearing – Grant Closeout

City of Florence City Council

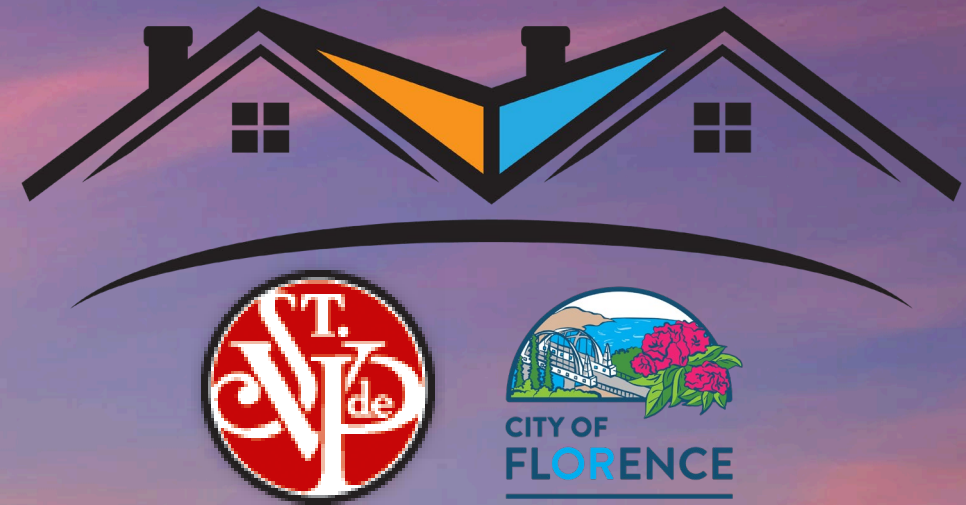
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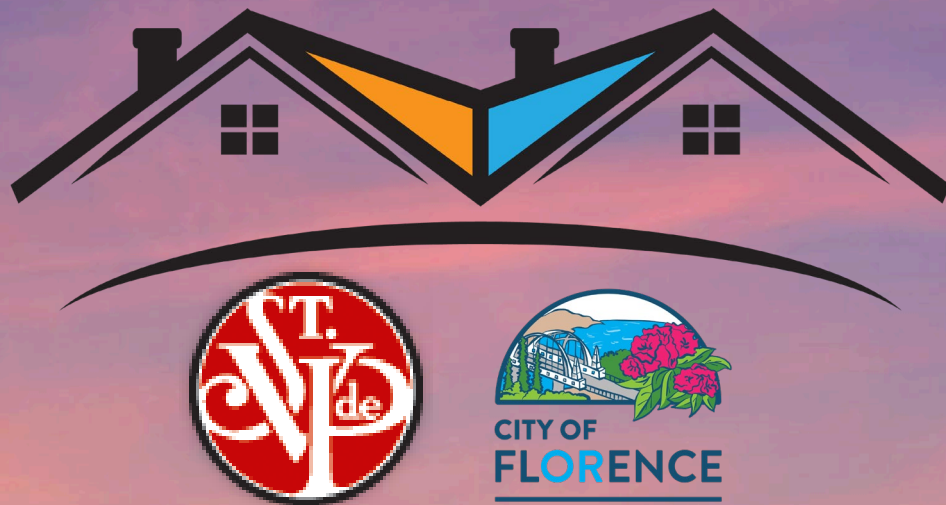
Public Hearing Presentation Outline:

- Notice of the Public Hearing
- Background
- Program Components
- Results



Public Hearing Notice:

- Published in the Siuslaw News editions July 28, 2023



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Public Hearing Notice

The City of Florence is completing an Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. The location of the project is Florence and parts of Lane County. It is estimated that the project has benefited at least 22 persons of whom 100% are low or moderate income.

A public hearing will

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be held by the Florence City Council on August 7th at Florence City Hall.

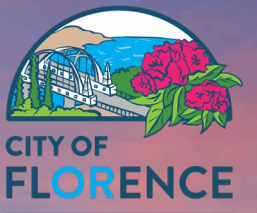
The purpose of the hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 4:30pm on August 7th. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the City Council.

The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let City Recorder Lindsey White at lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing.

More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the project is available for public review at Florence City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested.

Background:

- **Florence is a member of the Lane County Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program (RHRP)**
 - RHRP is managed through a consortium agreement by St. Vincent dePaul (SVdP) of Lane County
- **December 2020:** Council approved applying for a Community Development Block Grant to access \$400,000 of grant funding for at least 12 owner occupied home loans for housing rehabilitation projects.
- **August 2021:** Council accepted the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$400,000 with sub-recipient SVdP to be the grant and program manager.



Program Components:



- RHRP Program Goals:

- Alleviate health and safety problems and correct structural deficiencies rural Lane County,
- Conserve and improve existing low-income housing stock,
- Increase housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households,
- Enable lower income residents in targeted areas to remain in their homes.

- Eligible Applicants

- Live in rural Lane County
- Homeowner with household incomes at or below 80% of federal median income
- Common repairs: roofs, siding, bathrooms, and accessibility



Household Size:	Maximum Income:
1	\$47,250
2	\$54,000
3	\$60,750
4	\$67,450
5	\$72,850
6	\$78,250
7	\$83,650
8	\$89,050

Results:

- Marketing Efforts:

- City's Website & Social Media Channels


<https://www.ci.florence.or.us/economicdevelopment/housing-rehabilitation-program>

- City's Newsletter – Monthly Newsletter & Florence Four
- Newspaper & Radio Ads
- Flyers at Public Spaces (Library, Post Office, Fred Meyers, etc.)
- Radio Features on both KCST “Our Town” and KXCR



- Resulting in over two dozen applicants applying and showed interest

- 13 households or 23 people benefitted from rehab projects

- Loan applications process and project success stories



Housing Rehabilitation Program
Has your home seen better days?
St Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County and the City of Florence have federal funds, through the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program, available to repair homes in the Florence area!




If you own your home, or are currently buying a home and make less than 80% of the Area Median Income (See Chart Below), you may qualify for a loan to make important repairs to your home.

Loans are offered at 3% interest (1.149% APR) with no monthly payment until your home is sold or transfers ownership.

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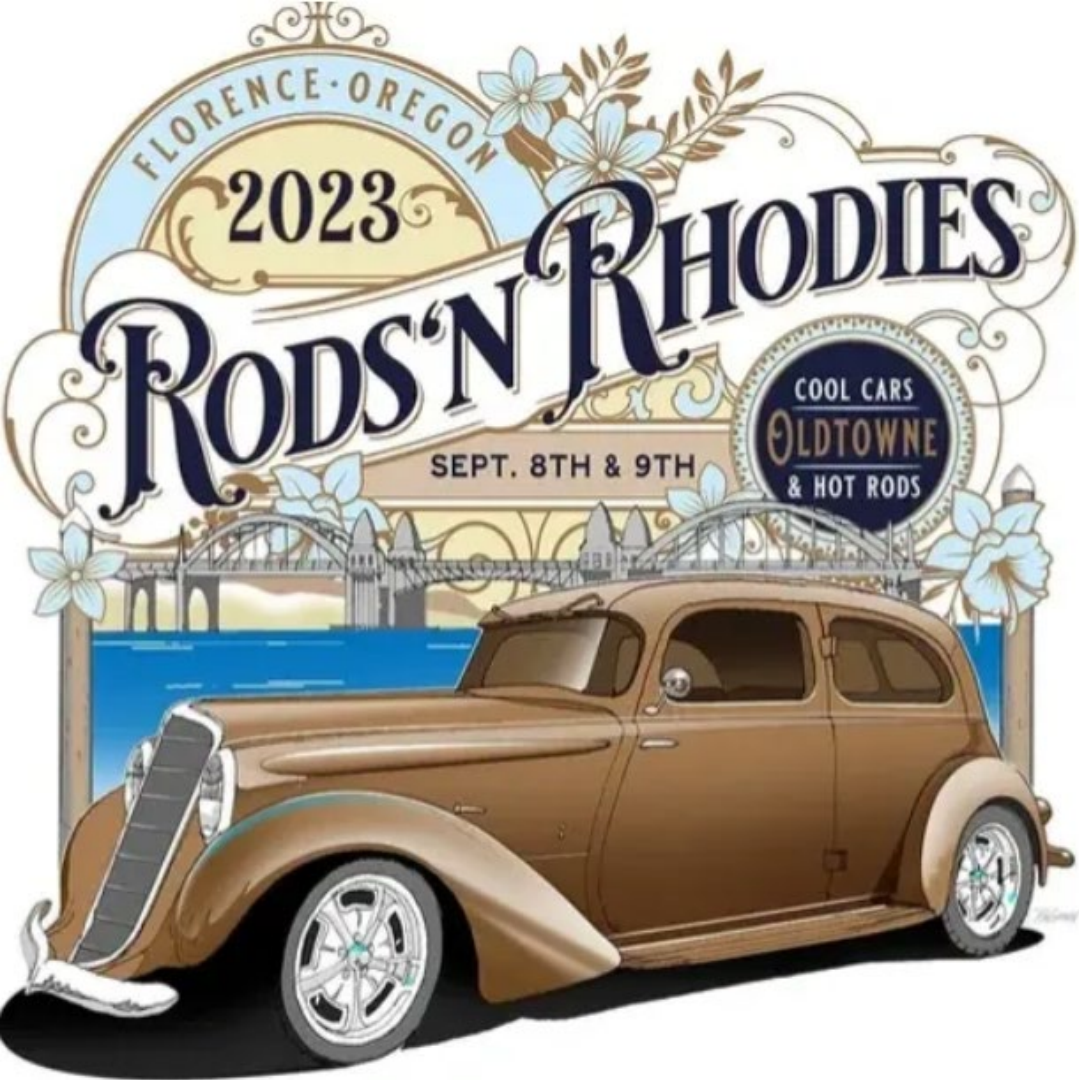
Appropriate Projects:
Roof repairs * Foundations * Dry Rot * Plumbing * Electrical * Heat Systems * Windows & Doors * Insulation * Siding * Paint * Accessibility Changes (ramps, bathroom upgrades, etc.) * and Much More!

Questions? Ready to Apply?
Andy Clay (NMLS: 791356)
Program Manager - St Vincent de Paul
Phone: 541-501-0894
Email: Andy.Clay@svdp.us



*80% Area Median Income (AMI) limits displayed above were updated May 2023 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.





Applicant: Gary Cargill, President

The Details

Street Closure Location:

Bay Street from the Siuslaw River Bridge to Nopal St. Port Parking Lot

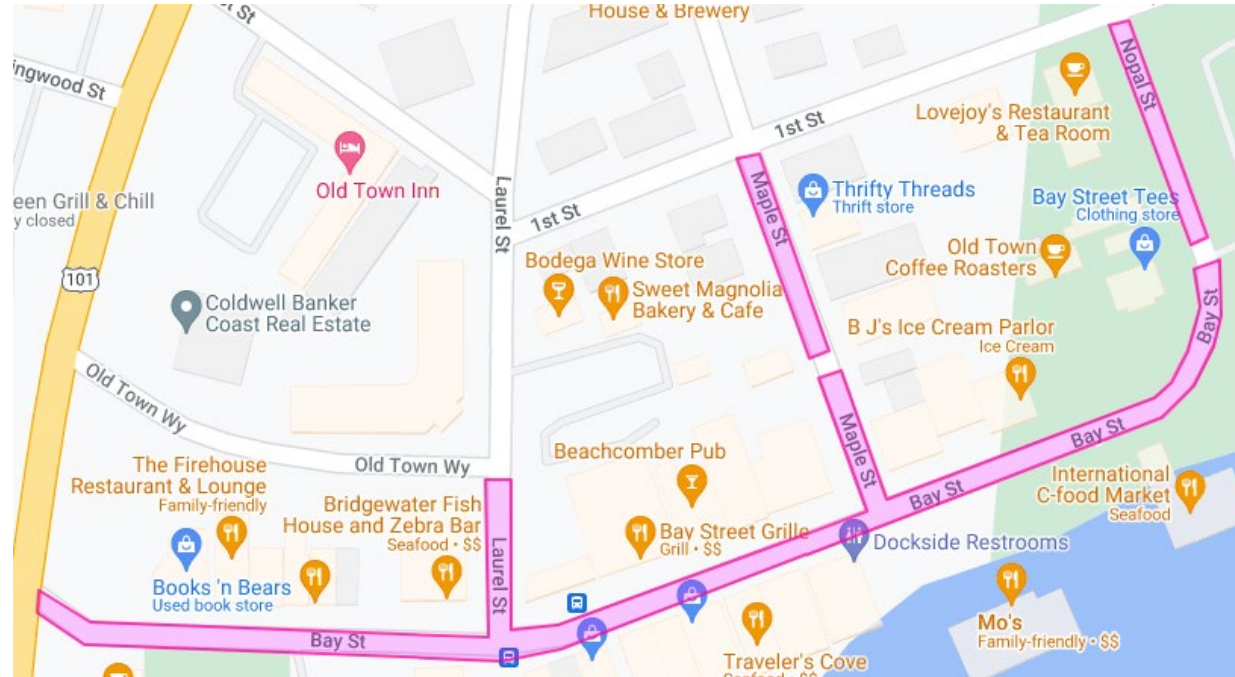
Laurel St. from Old Town Way to Bay St.

Maple St. from 1st Street to Bay St.

Nopal from Bay St. to 1st Street.

Street Closure Times:

5:00 am to 7:00 pm



The Process

- Applicant submitted a Street Closure application
- Applicant paid the required fee
- City staff has reviewed and determined the responsibilities of the applicant and the City.



Applicant must plan for and provide:

- Access to Street Closure Area – Residents, Visitors, Deliveries and Event Participants
- Sanitation – Trash Receptables, Public Restrooms, Handwashing Stations
- Security
- Emergency Services Access



The City has:

- Notified business and property owners within 100 feet of street closure of the public hearing to discuss this application.
- Notified Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue and Western Lane Fire & EMS of the event.
- Posted a Public Hearing Notice in the Siuslaw News on July 21st.
- Reviewed the street closure application for compliance with City code.



The Next Steps

- Questions for staff
- Questions for applicant
- Close Public Hearing



Staff Recommendations

APPROVAL OF REQUEST WITH CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN STAFF REPORT:

1. Responsibilities of applicant for:
 - a) Signage
 - b) Traffic control points monitoring
 - c) Access for delivery and resident vehicles
 - d) Business License requirements
2. Responsibilities of City for:
 - a) Parking Enforcement





ANY QUESTIONS?