



CITY OF FLORENCE
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A THANK-YOU TO THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY

MIKE MILLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

After more than 18 years with the City of Florence—and nearly 41 years in the public works profession—I will be retiring on September 26, 2025.

It's hard to put into words what an honor it has been to serve this community. Over the years, we've worked together on so many meaningful projects: building the Public Works Operations Center; making improvements along Rhododendron Drive; improvements at Rolling Dunes Park; completion of Siuslaw Estuary Trail, Phase 1; building the new restrooms and concession stand at Miller Park; new playground equipment at Miller Park, Pepperoaks Park, and 18th Street pocket park; creation of Exploding Whale Memorial Park; Singing Pines dog park; ReVision Florence improvements along Hwy 101 and Hwy 126; creating the Stormwater Design Manual; and advancing our FloGro operations to name a few. I'm also proud of the innovative steps we've taken with street lighting and fleet management, as well as the funding we've secured through Safe Routes to School, parks and trails grants, and airport improvements—investments that will benefit Florence for years to come.



But more than the projects, I'll remember the people. The Public Works team has been a constant source of dedication, professionalism, and good humor. Together we've weathered plenty of challenges, turned more than a little chaos into calm, and shared laughs that made the tough days easier. I'll also always be grateful for the support and collaboration of the City Council, City leadership, and the broader community.

Retirement will be a big change, but one I'm looking forward to. I'll be spending more time with family, finally getting to those long-postponed home projects, and hopefully sneaking in some time with my Oru kayak, a fly rod, or our travel trailer on Oregon's backroads.

Florence is in good hands with a strong Public Works team and a supportive community. Though I'm stepping away from my role, I'll still be here—cheering on this place I'm proud to call home, just from the other side of the street.

With gratitude,

Mike Miller

