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Committees in motion

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Florence City Council appointed 14 members to two new city committees on Monday night.

Mayor Joe Henry announced the appointments.

“Both the public arts and economic development committees will have some impact on economic development. That’s one of our major goals in 2015 and going forward,” Henry said.

The Public Art Committee has seven members with one- to three-year terms who will work with Councilor Joshua Greene.

They are: Susan Tive, co-owner of City Lights Cinema; SK Lindsey, artist and owner of Kenneth B and KB galleries; Jo Beaudreau, multi-media artist and co-owner of BeauxArts Fine Art Materials and Gallery; Harlen Springer, artist and president of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA); Ron Hildebrand, artist and member of FRAA; Jayne Smoley, glass artist and member of Backstreet Gallery; and Jennifer French, watercolor artist and member of Backstreet Gallery.

“I look forward to it. I’m meeting with staff to find a time for us to meet. As with economic development, we’re going to have our first get-together and discuss what can be done,” Greene said.

Henry said, “It’s a long-term goal to create economic development in the City of Florence, to support and expand existing businesses and to recruit, develop and support new businesses that might come to town to provide living wage jobs.”

He said that both new committees will be integral moving forward.

Seven members also fill the Economic Development Committee, with Councilor Ron Preisler representing the city.

They are: Robbie Wright, owner of Siuslaw Broadband; Mike Rose, chief operating officer of Three Rivers Casino Resort; Meg Spencer, Siuslaw Library District director; David Wiegand, director of Siuslaw Outreach Services;

Florence appoints members to economic development, public art committees

Sharon Hobart, former mayor of Veneta and retired economic development coordinator for Lane Council of Governments (LCOG); Joe Crenshaw, community member and retired business owner; and Steve Earnshaw, real estate broker.

“They have very interesting backgrounds,” said Henry. “It will be a great group and very exciting.”

According to Henry, there were 12 candidates for each committee.

“For the first time in a long time, every time we open up a committee, we have more applicants than we have positions,” he said.

The city council will determine further committee details at a future council work session.



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PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center officially began a new 4,700 square foot addition to its Emergency Department (ED) on Friday as Dr. A.J. Brauer (left) turned over the first shovel-full. Kay King (below), volunteer director for Leave a Legacy, Save a Life Emergency Department Fundraising Drive, and other community members also participated in the ceremony. The new ED will include nine private rooms, two dedicated triage rooms, two large trauma rooms, a private consultation room and a separate waiting area. The expanded ED is projected to meet the needs of the community through 2030. PeaceHealth’s \$5 million campaign was the largest fundraising effort in the history of Florence. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.



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Sandpines Golf Links hosts Boys and Girls Fore Kids Golf Classic this Saturday

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Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County will host its 18th annual Fore Kids Golf Classic this Saturday, June 6, at Sandpines Golf Links. The fundraiser will help fund Boys and Girls Club activities, including its upcoming summer programs.

The four-person scramble tournament will kick-off with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The tournament will feature numerous contests around the course including closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, a putting contest and a hole-in-one contest.

Post-tournament awards, a BBQ and a live auction and raffle will follow.

The cost is \$109 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, range balls, BBQ, wine, beer and soft drinks.

Non-golfers are also invited to the BBQ, the auction and the raffle. Dinner-only tickets are \$15 and include pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, cookies, chips, sodas, beer and wine. Hard drinks will be available for purchase.

The all-day event starts with a complimentary continental breakfast provided by Big Dog Donuts and Dutch Bros. Coffee at 8 a.m. Registration will also begin at 8 a.m. The tournament is from



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This year, Corvallis Aero Service will provide the lift for the annual golf ball drop. More than 500 golf balls have already been purchased for the raffle that features a grand-prize trip to Kauai, Hawaii.

10 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The BBQ dinner, provided by Craig’s Family BBQ and Sysco Corporation, will begin at 3 p.m.

Southern Wines and Spirits of America and Columbia Distributing will provide beer and wine at no charge.

The popular golf ball raffle drop will take place between 4 and 5 p.m.

“We are very excited about the golf ball drop raffle,” Boys and Girls Club board member Michael Pearson said. “We have had great community support with this in the past.”

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Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue unveils strategic plan for next 5 years

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After consulting with Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI), Fire Chief Jim Langborg, the board of directors and the members of Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) are moving forward with a strategic plan for 2015 through 2020.

This is the first new strategic plan that SVFR has had since 1996.

The process involved meetings with five members of the board, eight members of the

internal staff, 30 volunteer firefighters and 16 citizens to pinpoint strengths in the department, goals for community involvement and a direction for future improvements.

“Our staff is highly motivated to begin working on the objectives in the plan and begin preparing our district for the future,” said Langborg.

The first step was adopting the plan on May 20. Now, staff will undergo training and have one more follow-up meeting with ESCI.

The next piece will involve a tracking system for monitoring SVFR’s progress.

“I consider this my marching orders and my report card, so I want us to stay on top of it as much as we can,” Langborg said.

The strategic plan has five main components: services, funding and finances, planning, craftsmanship and leadership and staffing.

Within each initiative are smaller objectives. The plan includes a total of 63 objectives with different timelines.

Recruitment/Retention Battalion Chief John Carnahan said, “This gives us a total direction to go. Like Jim said, it’s a report card — we

can actually see where we’re at each step of the way.”

Carnahan, who was recently elected to the board of directors, was at SVFR during its last strategic plan process.

“Within two years, we had 90 percent of it complete. It took a little longer to build the building and some other things, but we met most of those goals,” he said. “Once you set those goals, it’s easier to achieve them.”

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