

GENERAL NEWS

SOS completes building remodel, improvements

Ride with a City Councilor July 7

The Florence City Council's "Ride with a Councilor" program allows citizens to share their ideas with members of the city council.

Hop aboard the Rhody Express and talk to Councilor George Lyddon on Tuesday, July 7, from 1:10 to 3:10 p.m.

Each month, a councilor will ride the Rhody Express to answer questions and hear suggestions.

Fares for the Rhody Express are \$1 per trip or \$2 per day.

For more information about the program, call 541-997-3437.

For a detailed bus schedule, pick up a brochure at the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or online at www.ltd.org/rhody.

For other questions concerning the Rhody Express service, call the Rhody Express at 541-902-2067.

Siuslaw Outreach Services has completed its building remodel project.

"There were a number of compelling reasons to undertake the project on our 1950s-era building," said executive director David Wiegen. "The old donations room was very small and many donated items could not be put on display."

This also limited how many donated items the facility could have on hand at any one time.

In addition, the roof had been leaking intermittently for years and was long overdue to be replaced. The windows were old, single-pane, and many were missing screens. The siding was very old and deteriorating.

Fundraising started in early 2013 with a "Buy A Brick" campaign, and more than \$13,000 in memorial bricks were purchased by well over 100 local businesses, churches, service clubs and individuals.

"These were used to demonstrate local support for the project, enabling us to receive foundation grants from Meyer Memorial Trust, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, The Collins Foundation, and Oregon Community Foundation," said Wiegen.

The target date for completion was June 30, 2015, with an overall budget of \$123,000. When the first bidding process resulted in bids well beyond the project's budget, SOS restructured the bids and started over.

"We have now completed the project just under budget, and were able to add a fairly substantial list of extra items to make the building even more functional and attractive," Wiegen said.



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Before and after photos of the newly completed remodel of the SOS building

The building now has a new roof and gutters, new windows all around, new siding, an attractive and functional new entryway, a new front door which lets in more light for the lobby, four remodeled offices with more usable space in each, new paint in all four offices, reception area and the hallways and new wiring for supplying internet to parts of the building.

Some additional interior wiring was relocated, and some exterior lighting was corrected. The donations room now has 330 percent more spaced than before by eliminating duplicated hallways and some cabinets. The room also added all new LED lighting, which will significantly reduce power usage.

Lighted exit signs, which also serve as emergency lighting, were added. The building's new double-pane windows will save energy as well.

"We also added many new clothing and shoe racks to be able to display everything that is available," Wiegen said. "Last year, we served well over 2,000 persons and many of these were seniors, disabled, and low-income residents

receiving aid in the form of clothing, footwear, household items or toiletries — always provided free.

"The expanded room also allows us to have a special area just for children."

During construction, a number of problems surfaced, which is common during remodels. Most were fairly minor, according to Wiegen, but considerable areas of dry rot underneath the siding were discovered. This required significant portions of the soffit and siding to be replaced.

"Needless to say, we are very pleased we were able to catch this problem while it was still able to be fixed at a reasonable cost," said Wiegen. "All of our contractors were local, and all did their respective work in craftsman style.

The remodel team included: architect Paul K. Jensen; interior remodel work by Rodet Construction Co., Inc.; plumbing by C h u c k ' s Plumbing, Inc.; windows replaced by Siuslaw Glass and Mirror; flooring by Goodman's Floor Covering, Inc.; painting by

Brown Paint Co. Inc.; electrical work by Lighthouse Electrical Contractors, Inc.; siding and entryway by Gary Lee Construction; roofing by Skyline Roofing; and memorial bricks engraved by Stone Impressions of Milwaukie.

"There are a few finishing touches remaining, such as sealing and restriping the parking lot, but the project is essentially complete," Wiegen said. "Everyone at Siuslaw Outreach Services would like to thank the many people, businesses and organizations in our community for making this project such a success, as well as the foundations for their critical support. We now have a building that should serve well for many years in the future."



The expanded clothing area will allow more donations to be kept on hand and easier to display.

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Lutherans to host 'Summer Splash'

New Life Lutheran of Florence will host its July "Summer Splash" event Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Life Lutheran is located on 21st and Spruce streets.

Each month of the summer features an area artist for a project. This month, Virginia Korosec, Florence area painter, will be working with youth.

Time will also include music, storytime and playtime

outside, as well as lunch.

The Summer Splash is free. For more information, call 541-997-8113.

The next splash event will be Aug. 8, when the featured artist will be Lola Simpson.

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