

Apply by Oct. 14 to Florence airport committee

The City of Florence is currently recruiting for vacancies for the newly reestablished Airport Advisory Committee. The city will accept applications through Wednesday, Oct. 14.

These positions will offer citizens the opportunity to volunteer their services to assist the city in the management of the Florence Municipal Airport.

The Airport Advisory Committee will consist of five to seven members and will work toward:

- Implementation of the city's current Airport Master Plan
- Volunteer recruitment
- Airport maintenance and repair
- Grants for airport enhancement and maintenance.

nance.

The deadline for applications is fast approaching. Help contribute to Florence by serving on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Applying for a position is easy. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at Florence City Hall and on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us.

City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of city committees, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths or any other questions, contact City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

Flower Basket Project underway for 2016

The Downtown Revitalization Team (DRT) has started a flower basket project for Spring 2016. After lengthy research to find baskets that were large, beautiful and affordable, the team selected the type used in old town Reedsport and Coos Bay.

Team members Sharon Stiles, Cindy Wobbe and David Wegan walked Historic Old Town, producing an inventory and photographs of 30 preferred locations.

The hope is that a concentration of baskets, most of which should be able to be attached to the smaller light poles, will have the greatest visual impact and stimulate expansion in 2017. These will add to the flower baskets and pots which some of the Old Town businesses already display.

The intent is to create a colorful and stunning visual impact for visitors and residents.

The baskets cost \$75 each and are being sponsored by businesses and individuals both within and without the Old Town area.



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DRT will hang flower baskets in Old Town next Spring.

Within several days of starting the project, half of the baskets have already been sponsored.

To sponsor a basket, a 50 percent down payment is needed by Nov. 1. Contact Cal Applebee at the Florence Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center to sign up.

Part of the DRT budget for 2016 is being set aside to provide for watering and maintenance of the baskets.

The DRT is a special committee of the Chamber and works cooperatively with the City of Florence, Florence Urban Renewal Agency, Port of Siuslaw, Florence Regional Arts Alliance, Public Art Committee and other partners to improve the downtown core area.

The recent addition of street banners along Highways 101, 126, and Maple Street was the first project and a number of others are already in development. Other team members include Susy Lacer, Bob Forsythe, Harlen Springer, Kelli Weese, Ellen Huntingdon and Cal Applebee.

Community Chorus of Florence Oregon
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Oktoberfest brings beer, best of Germany to Florence

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce promises authentic German food, beer and entertainment as staples of this year's Oktoberfest set for Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Quince Street from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Festival-only admission is \$5 starting at 11 a.m. and kids 12 and under are free.

Enjoy breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. along with an all day festival pass for just \$10.

Tickets are available at the

door, at the Chamber Visitor Center at 290 Highway 101 and through members of the Kiwanis Club of Florence.

Live performances and games make a full day of entertainment for the entire family.

The fun starts at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Florence. This breakfast is a major fundraiser for the Florence club to contribute to the Eliminate program, a national program partnering with UNICEF to eliminate

maternal and neonatal tetanus. Help the Kiwanians meet this goal while enjoying authentic German music by Meg Graf and John Klobas, popular and well-known musicians in the region.

The breakfast ends at 11 a.m. but the fun continues as participants slide right into the festive mood of the Oktoberfest celebration.

The return of Sam's Polka Gems is followed by the high-energy Tirolean Dancers and more.

Throughout the day and into the evening, attendees will enjoy the talents of the Scandia Leikarringen, as well as Alpine Echoes Band, new to this year's music lineup.

There are fun activities for the little ones with the addition of the "Kinder Korner" for youths 4 years of age and up, so the entire family can enjoy the festivities.

The third annual Weiner Dog Races gives something for the furriest members of the family. This year, there is a larger race track for the short-legged little friends who will be racing their hearts out to please the crowd.

During the entire festival, participants can enjoy German beer, brats, local wines and other delicious authentic German food, served up by local nonprofits.

New this year is a themed "Best Dressed" contest for adults and children, as well as a "Liter Holdin'" contest for strong adults.

More information, including a full entertainment line-up,



SIUSLAW NEWS FILE PHOTO

Next Saturday, Oct. 3, join local Damen und Herren for beer, brats, dog races and the best of German celebrations at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

can be found at the Visitors Center or at florencechamber.com.

Tickets to the breakfast including the festival pass are available now at the Florence Chamber Visitors Center.

This event is sponsored by Three Rivers Casino Resort, 101 Things to Do, Banner Bank, Bi-Mart, Burns's Riverside Chapel, Coast Radio, Driftwood Shores Resort, Florence Heating and Sheet Metal, Oregon Pacific Bank, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Clinic, Sea Lion Caves, Siuslaw News, Spruce Point Assisted Living, TR Hunter Real Estate, The Shippin' Shack/Siuslaw Signs, Hoagland Property Management and the Port of Siuslaw.

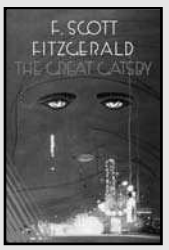
Bring the whole family and meet friends you've never met before — dress up in your best German attire and join the fun. "Gemutlichkeit!"

WORD ON THE STREET

What is your favorite book or series?

In honor of today's Florence Festival of Books at the Florence Events Center, we asked this week's question to the editorial department of the Siuslaw News.

"My favorite book is 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Lately, I really liked 'The Fault in Our Stars' and 'Paper Towns' by John Green. I have to say my favorite series is 'Harry Potter,' by J.K. Rowling."



COURTESY PHOTOS

— RYAN CRONK, EDITOR

"I'd say mine, but that sounds really self-promotional, especially since I'll be at the Festival of Books today with copies available. So to avoid that, I'd have to say Guillermo del Toro's amazing vampire trilogy 'The Strain' and 'Four Past Midnight' by Stephen King."



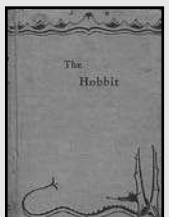
— NED HICKSON, SPORTS EDITOR AND SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

"My favorite book is Ernest Hemingway's novella 'The Old Man and the Sea.' It was a high school reading assignment, but to this day I have never been so captivated by descriptive narrative."



— JACK DAVIS, REPORTER

"Asking me to pick is like asking me my favorite child! Good thing I don't have children. I prefer young adult fantasy and science fiction. Some of my favorite authors are Douglas Adams, Gail Carson Levine, C.S. Lewis, Anne McCaffrey, Robin McKinley, Tamora Pierce, Terry Pratchett, J.K. Rowling and J.R.R. Tolkien. I could go on."



— CHANTELE MEYER, REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

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