Garden club spruces up Gallagher's Park

Florence Garden Club is on a mission to help beautify the town.

On Wednesday, members and volunteers convened for a fall cleanup at Gallagher's Park, Spruce Street and Highway 126, where the Florence sign is located.

Members worked diligently at this small gateway park, sprucing up the grounds and trimming plants.

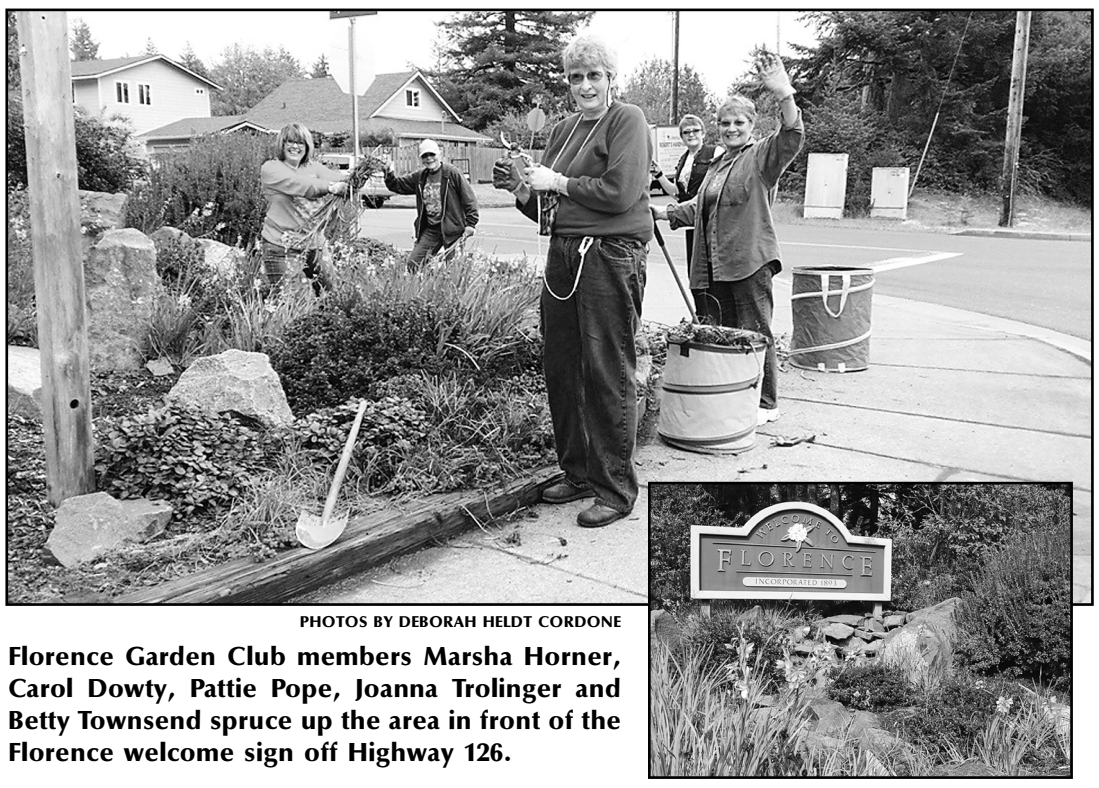
Gallagher's Park is cared for by both the Florence Garden Club and the local Rhododendron Society.

Some of the rhodies were planted more than 40 years ago by the society.

The park features walking paths, rhododendrons and a variety of other flowers and plants.

Anyone interested in joining the Florence Garden Club is welcome to attend a luncheon and meeting at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101. There will also be a guest speaker at 1 p.m.

The meeting is free to the public. Annual club membership is $10.



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Florence Garden Club members Marsha Horner, Carol Dowty, Pattie Pope, Joanna Trolinger and Betty Townsend spruce up the area in front of the Florence welcome sign off Highway 126.

Airport Advisory Committee applications due Wednesday

The City of Florence is recruiting for vacancies for the newly re-established 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.

The deadline for applications is fast approaching.

Help contribute to the whole Florence area 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 thru 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.

Herb Enthusiasts to learn about mushrooming

Anna Moore, also known as the local "Mushroom Lady," will return to host this month's meeting of the Herb Enthusiasts on Thursday, Oct. 15, starting at 11 a.m. at the New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., next to Florence Food Share.

Moore, an amateur mycologist, has a science background with a love of the natural world and is now retired and spends much of her time on the Oregon coast hiking, foraging and photographing.

Moore believes that getting out into the woods is good for the body and brain. According to her, "you will expand your knowledge of the Oregon coast's secret ingredient to health" that is shipped around this country and internationally for medicinal and culinary use.

Whether you're a novice to mushrooms or an experienced forager who wants to expand into more exotic varieties, don't miss this session.

If you're a novice, start with a few easily-identified species such as Chanterelle and lobster mushrooms. Some wild mushrooms are poisonous and they may resemble edible species.

Raw mushrooms have a lot of chemicals and materials we can't digest, for example, morels make you sick when eaten raw.

It's your responsibility to identify wild food with 100 percent certainty before you eat it. If you have some recently-picked mushrooms that you need help with, bring them to the meeting in a brown paper bag and Moore will provide assistance in identifying them.

More also works closely with the Real Food Co-Op — if you leave samples there, provide your phone number so she can contact you to discuss.

Along with samples, Moore will also discuss several edible medicinal mushrooms that grow locally and explain how they support your immune system and overall good health.

Her presentation will include a slide presentation covering all these subjects and more that will spark an interest to be brave and pursue a fantastic start to a new hobby that will benefit your body and mind.

Guests are welcome to attend their first meeting free.

The Florence Herb Enthusiasts members explore, experience and learn about the cultivation, culinary, craft and medicinal uses of herbs at monthly meetings and special events.

For more information, call Mary Vander Weit at 602-565-7870.

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"Mushroom Lady" Anna Moore will speak at the next Herb Enthusiasts meeting Thursday, Oct. 15.

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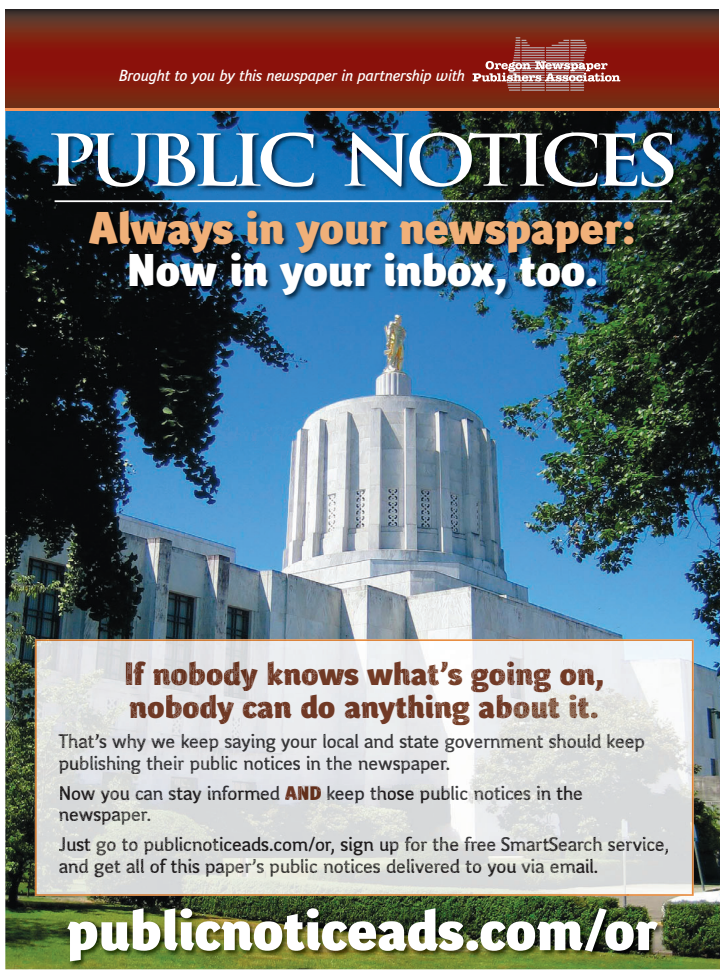

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