

# GENERAL NEWS

## Mayor Henry to present State of the City at FEC

Florence Mayor Joe Henry, the Florence City Council and city staff invite all to the City of Florence State of the City presentation on Thursday, Jan. 21.

The address will take place at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St., from 5 to 7 p.m., as a Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event.

The mayor's State of the City address will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Come listen to Henry discuss the accomplishments of the "City in Motion" during 2015 and what the council, staff and community are working on for 2016.

Staff and the city council will also be available to answer questions and greet people during the Business After Hours.

Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided and the FEC will have its concessions window open for beverage purchases.

## Florence Senior Center opens for all ages



PHOTOS BY CHANTELE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

Approximately 80 people attended the Florence Senior Center's open house on Sunday to celebrate the removal of age-based restrictions. Now, the center at 1424 15th St., off of Kingwood Street, will be able to offer event space to groups and seniors under the age of 65. Former Florence Mayor Phil Brubaker (above right, furthest back) addressed the gathered people, as did current Mayor Joe Henry (right), who stands with Board President Christine May. Moving forward, the Senior Center hopes to raise money for an expansion. It is also seeking volunteers. For more information, go to [florenceseniorcenter.org](http://florenceseniorcenter.org) or call 541-997-8844.

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## Salvation Army supporters gather to 'Make a Difference'

The last time a group of supporters gathered at The Riverside Restaurant on Bay Street for the Making a Difference Dinner, volunteers emerged who would eventually conduct the first Red Kettle Campaign during the Thanksgiving to Christmas holiday season.

As of the end of December, The Salvation Army volunteers managed to raise more than

\$15,000.

"We could not have had a finer result," says Janet Snow. "Everyone in the community was so supportive and many of the local shoppers gave several times to the local kettles."

Local volunteers, supporters and donors are all encouraged to gather again this coming Monday, Jan. 18, at the Siuslaw Riverside Restaurant.

There will be two seatings.

First seating will be 5 p.m.; the second seating is at 7 p.m.

A meal will be served with a nonalcoholic beverage and attendees are encouraged to cover the cost of their meals.

"We hope any and every one who supported The Salvation Army during the Christmas season will come and share with one another the joy of our success."

Anyone planning to attend

the Making a Difference Dinner is asked to call 541-991-3663 during business hours to RSVP the number of persons in their party attending.

Anyone still interested in supporting The Salvation Army in Western Lane County can send their tax-deductible donations to:

The Salvation Army - WLC P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439.

## Learn 'Main Street' approach to revitalizing downtown

Interested in the health of our historic downtown?

Would you like to:

- Work with fellow community members to achieve extraordinary things?
- Create opportunities for local businesses?

Help preserve significant downtown structures?

Then consider attending the upcoming Oregon Main Street presentation set for Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 716 Quince St.

Learn how the Main Street approach to Downtown Revitalization helps communities bring vitality to their traditional commercial districts.

The Main Street approach is a nationally proven methodology for revitalizing historic commercial districts.

Come learn how to lever-

age your community's collective skill so the end result is a business district that becomes a gathering place for the community and provides the goods and services that neighborhoods desire.

Who should attend? Downtown business and property owners, residents, local government officials, community organizations — anyone who feels passionate about improving downtown.

Speaker Sheri Stewart is the state coordinator of Oregon Main Street (OMS), which is part of Heritage Programs in Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

OMS helps communities throughout the state preserve and revitalize the economy, appearance and image of their traditional business districts using a range of services and assistance to meet the needs of communities interested in revitalization.

Stewart has 25 years in working with main street communities, starting as the executive director of the Port Townsend Main Street (Washington), working as a program officer with the National Main Street Center, and formerly with the Washington State Main Street program.

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**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

**Intro to Abstract Painting with Silvia Trujillo**  
with acrylic, oil or watercolor  
Saturday, January 30, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$39/members, \$44/non-members  
Call Silvia 541-997-1832 for questions.

**Easy Heart Bangle with Tracy Webster**  
Use basic wire wrapping and jewelry skills to create a bangle perfect for Valentine's Day. No experience needed.  
Wednesday, February 3, 10 am - 12 pm  
\$10/members, \$15/non-members  
Contact FRAA for material list and to register. Wire will be provided.

**Acrylic Painting with Paul Kingsbury**  
Advanced class, Feb 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Beginner class, Feb 14, 1:00-4:00 pm  
\$35/members, \$40/non-members

**Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics with Alissa Clark**  
Weekly, Wednesdays, starting Feb 17, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
\$15/members, \$20/non-members, Clay and Firing extra  
\$5/hr open lab after class

**WRITING EVENTS**

**2016 Writing Boot Camp with Catherine Rourke**  
Saturdays Jan 16 & Feb 20, 10am-12pm  
\$20/members, \$25/non-members  
Contact: Catherine Rourke, [CJReditor@gmail.com](mailto:CJReditor@gmail.com), 541-708-2120

**Writer's SALON**  
Thurs., February 18, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Get together with Writers of all kinds to talk and share ideas. FREE  
Contact: Leta McCurry 360-880-0050

**You Done Me Wrong, Love Gone Bad**  
Poetry Party, Saturday, February 20, 6 - 8 pm, \$10 admission, Open mike with poetry or song. Prizes.

**ONGOING CLASSES:**

**Oil Painting with Michael Wood**  
Mondays, 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Contact: [fmwood@msn.com](mailto:fmwood@msn.com) for details, fees, and more information

**Painting with John Leasure**  
Saturdays (Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 27) and Fridays (Jan 15, Feb 19)  
9:00 am - noon,  
Contact: [jnleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jnleasure@hotmail.com) or

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Breezy with Rain	Rain	More Clouds than Sun	Cloudy with Spotty Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy with Possible Rain	Showers Possible
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