

Parade prepares to cast off

Sunday's Grand Floral Parade begins at 27th Street and ends in Old Town

Get ready to "Catch the Wave!" at this year's 2016 Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade on Sunday, May 21. Look for businesses with decorated windows along the parade route and throughout Florence.

Grand Marshal Wilbur TERNYK will lead the parade at noon as it runs from 27th Street onto and down Highway 101 to Kingwood Street at the local Dairy Queen, down to Bay Street and through historic Old Town Florence to end on Quince Street.

More than 400 marchers and dozens of floats plan to participate. There will also be equestrian teams, classic cars, bands and a special float for the 2016 Rhododendron Court.



Be prepared for a grand time as you join the crowds watching the parade for the 109th year of Florence's Rhododendron Days.

There is plenty of prime space along the way to place your chairs and cheer for your favorite float.

For participants, staging is at 10 a.m. at 27th and Oak streets (see info packets for specific locations).

For more information, call 541-997-3128, go to the Visitor's Center at 390 Highway 101 or visit www.florencechamber.com.

FUN FOR YOUTH

RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL
JUNIOR PARADE & KIDS GAMES

All entries are welcome for the annual Junior Parade on Saturday, May 21. Staging will be at Miller Park at 11 a.m. No pre-registration is necessary.

The parade begins at noon and runs up Oak Street from 19th to 30th streets.

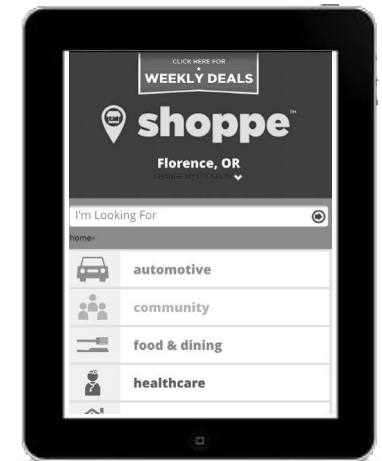
Immediately after the parade, the Florence Kiwanis Club hosts the annual Kids Games at the Siuslaw High School ball field at Oak and 27th streets.

There will be games and activities with prizes and snacks for all young participants, 10 years old and younger.

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