

## Our Town to discuss public art today

The traditional methods employed by local governments to attract and develop new businesses are changing.

One method being employed is by making the community as attractive and "livable" as possible, says Florence's Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese, who believes public art can make the community stand out as well as make it more attractive to someone looking to relocate and bring new jobs with them.

Weese, along with chairman of the city's Public Art Committee, Harlen Springer, will be on today's edition of Coast Radio's "Our Town" to talk about how they're hoping to create several pockets of public art throughout the community. City Councillor Joshua Greene will also be on the panel.

It airs on KCST, FM 106.9, tonight, from 4 to 6 p.m., then again Thursday, Aug. 4, on KCFM, AM1250-FM 104.1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

This month's "Our Town" will also feature several other conversations, including two related to athletics at Siuslaw High School. Chris Johnson, a long time cross country and track and field coach at Siuslaw, was recently named the athletic director. He'll also talk about the upcoming induction ceremony for the Siuslaw High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

In a separate segment, newly appointed head football coach, Jamin Pool, will talk about the pressures of taking over a highly successful program that has only had two other coaches in the past 50 years.

Meg Spencer is one of eight "Siuslaw Vision Keepers," a group that has been working with several different community groups over the past 18 months to develop a common vision for what our region could look like over the next 10 years.

She and the others have become the core growth that grew out of the Siuslaw

Pathways project, aimed at identifying several key projects and goals for the community.

Spencer will talk about some of those goals, including increasing access to local transportation and health care; creating community centers; and the possible creation of a regional parks and recreation department.

The other segment in "Our Town" will feature Lane Community College Florence Center director Russ Pierson and LCC's director of financial-aid, Helen Faith.

They'll talk about the "Oregon Promise," recent legislative efforts to offer low- or no-cost college for high school graduates in Oregon.

"Our Town" is sponsored by Andy Baber of Edward Jones Investments; Holloway and Associates CPAs; the Archives Photo Restoration Specialists, Lane Community College in Florence, Siuslaw Public Library and PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

## Friends to host book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will be sponsoring a book sale Saturday, Aug. 6, and Sunday, Aug. 7, at 1460 Ninth St.

Members of the Friends are invited to an early sale time at 9 a.m. The sale opens to the public on both days at 10 a.m., and runs until 4 p.m. The book sale will be held in the library's Bromley Room.

Memberships can be purchased at the door.

Marilyn Wetstein, chairwoman of the book sales, urges everyone to take advantage of the excellent prices for books, CDs and DVDs.

Since joining the Friends just a year ago, Wetstein has become an important contributor to the sales. The most recent event she organized was in February, which raised \$2,287.

"It's a lot of work but highly

gratifying," said Wetstein. "I like to see books not on the shelves but in peoples' hands."

A popular feature of the book sales is the table of special books run by Geraldine McMahon. This table will be set up in the library lobby and McMahon will be on hand to talk about the passion of her life: books.

This sale has 230 boxes of books to set out with another 20 boxes still on the shelves.

Duane Fowler, who's worked on the book sorting and sales for 10 years, finds the boxes stacked head high. These all have to be moved into the Bromley Room and onto the tables. A cadre of hard working, dedicated volunteers takes care of that chore on the Friday before the sale.

Fowler is also active in stocking the sale shelves in the

Friends Book Store inside the library left of the entrance.

This corner store includes greeting cards, books, magazines, audio books and music CDs.

Magazines sell for 25 cents each or five for \$1. Hardback fiction is \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. Nonfiction, children's books, audio books and CDs are individually priced as are the note cards which are made from material culled from the library.

Since Jan. 1, the Friends Book Store has raised more than \$5,900 in support of the library book selection.

"I just want to remind everybody that all these proceeds go directly to the library for Director Meg Spencer's wish list," said Wetstein. "It's for the things above and beyond the library's annual budget."



### How To Participate

The fee to participate is \$20. An ad for the Community Wide Garage Sale with a map of all participating sales will be published in the Siuslaw News on September 7th and 10th. Because of print deadlines, the registration deadline is 5pm August 30 2016.

You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Please post signs only on private property with the owner's consent. Posting signs on City utility poles, street or signal light poles, and median strips is against the municipal code.

Additional maps will be available at the Florence Visitors Center and the Siuslaw News.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates (CIRCLE): Friday 9/9 Saturday 9/10 Sunday 9/11 Times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 15-word description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add'l \_\_\_\_\_

Date, times and address are included. Additional words over 15 are \$0.50 each.

Bring form and payment to 148 Maple St in Historic Old Town or mail to Siuslaw News PO Box 10, Florence, OR 97439  
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**Deadline is August 30th at 5pm to be included on the map.**



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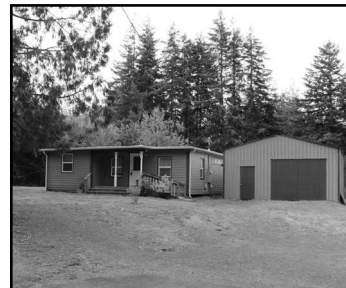
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 3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1676 sq ft  
**\$339,900** BH7297 ML#16450961



**NEW LISTING**  
 Charming restored beach cottage w/Ocean view. Great vacation rental. Located on corner lot.  
 1 Bdrm, 1 Ba 729 sq ft  
**\$274,900** BH7291 ML#16662044



**NEW LISTING**  
 Siuslaw River, Bridge & Old Town views, surrounded by park land, very private, septic approval, well in. Minutes to town. 1 acre  
**\$179,000** BH7288 ML#16510237



**NEW LISTING**  
 Mercer lakefront custom "Builder Built" craftsman home. Private dock, boat lift, lawn area & running stream.  
 1 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1176 sq ft  
**\$384,500** BH7311 ML#16255144



**NEW LISTING**  
 Light, bright updated double wide with new roof. Private, quiet backyard, tandem enclosed 10' carport.  
 2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1440 sq ft  
**\$147,500** BH7312 ML#16400704