

Florence election deadline Tuesday

City of Florence and City Recorder Kelli Weese invite eligible citizens to run for mayor and two positions on the Florence City Council during the November election cycle.

To apply, complete a filing packet by Tuesday, Aug. 16. Packets are available online at www.ci.florence.or.us and at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101.

Positions held by Mayor Joe Henry and councilors Joshua Greene and Ron Preisler will be up for re-election. All three plan to run for their current positions again.

Any qualified elector who is registered to vote in the City of Florence and has resided in the city since Nov. 8, 2015, is eligible to run for the two four-year councilor positions and the mayor's two-year position.

The city council is the governing body of the city. It is responsible for passing laws, fees, policies and the annual budget. It also develops the overall vision for the city.

The mayor facilitates the council and presides over deliberations, determines order of business, appoints positions to boards and committees and performs ceremonial functions.

Saxophonist plays at KB Gallery Aug. 20

Local nonprofit public radio station KXCR will presents saxophone talent Robert Sabado on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Sabado's highly re-garded recordings prompted jazz legend and mentor Stan Getz to describe his as "the best tone around."

These days, Sabado has been fusing downtempo electronica grooves with live saxophone improvisation.

Playing with this genre allows melodic lines to flow out of Sabado's horn and mind. This presentation of his music has proved to have been a real treat for the audience.

"I have been around the world and I believe my music can take the listener to exotic lands," said Sabado.

KXCR will present the rising star in the smooth jazz



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Robert Sabado

world at Kenneth B. Gallery, 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Come for an evening of great music, good food and a no-host bar.

For more information, call the gallery at 541-999-5875 or visit www.KennethBGallery.com.

Houghtaling to speak at next herb meeting

Florence Herb Enthusiasts is welcoming back Laurel Bay Gardens' local horticulturist Kermit Houghtaling. He will be the guest presenter at the August meeting, sharing his extensive knowledge of environmentally friendly pest and disease control for herb gardens.

The meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 18, beginning at 11 a.m., at the New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., next to Florence Food Share.

With all the new (and old) information available at our fingertips, it can become confusing or even overwhelming to try and make the best choices for the environment.

So come and learn firsthand from an expert.

Houghtaling will answer questions about products like Diatomaceous Earth, Neem Oil and copper tape, to name a few.

He will talk about natural insects vs. insect treatments



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Kermit Houghtaling

and cures provided by ladybugs, nematode and others.

Houghtaling will also provide valuable information regarding weed control, as well as home remedies derived from household items you probably already have in the cupboard.

Through monthly meetings and special events, the Florence Herb Enthusiasts explore, experience and learn about culinary, craft, folklore and medicinal use of herbs.

Writing workshop welcomes creativity, imagination Aug. 20

What triggers the imagination? How do great writers develop their ideas and turn clever phrases? Is there a secret for transforming ordinary sentences into extraordinary ones?

Writers on the River will present "The Art of Creative Writing" workshop Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center,

120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Taught by FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. Rourke, the program is designed for writers of all levels and genres.

Learn how to dive into the creative zone in this fun, inspiring "atelier" that will show you how to find your voice, turn on the creative faucet and keep it flowing. Through simple steps and easy prompts, you will learn how to tap the innovative genius that lies within everyone.

Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

Call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com to register.

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