

Register for annual Community-Wide Garage Sale

This year's Community-Wide Garage Sale is Sept. 9 through 11.

Now in its fourth year, this annual event attracts garage sale aficionados and yard sale addicts from all over the Willamette Valley to the Florence area for a weekend of browsing and bargain-hunting worthy of an episode of "American Pickers."

The sponsors for this three-day event, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and Siuslaw News, have made it easy to participate and insure that each sale is a success.

For \$20, each garage sale will receive a classified ad in the Siuslaw News and featured placement on the official Community-Wide Garage Sale map, which will be published in the Sept. 7 and 10 editions of the newspaper.

In addition, the event will be promoted on Craigslist and social media sites.

Participants will also receive two official Community-Wide Garage Sale signs and a tip-sheet full of handy hints on how to have a successful sale.

Sign-up forms are available for pick-up at the Visitor's Information Center, the Siuslaw News or online at www.florencechamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Garage-Sale-Poster-R.pdf.

Local estate liquidator and garage sale guru Cindy Wobbe is this year's committee chair and offers these helpful suggestions when planning your sale.

1. Make sure your merchandise is clean before you price it. Dust, dirt and greasy grime are turn-offs to would-be buyers.

2. Put price tags on everything. Make sure your price tags are on the top, not the bottom, of an item and that they're easy to read. If you don't have time to price everything individually, signs are helpful such as "all paperbacks 25 cents

each" or "all clothing \$1 each."

You can also offer a package deal (i.e. "paperbacks 25 cents each or 5 for \$1). Buyers will appreciate your efforts and you'll sell more merchandise.

3. Price to sell. You may very well have spent \$50 on that toaster 10 years ago, but you haven't used it in eight, and its taking up room in your cupboards. Make the price attractive to your buyers and everybody wins.

4. Before putting out clothing, especially jackets and coats, check the pocket for cash, credit cards and other long-forgotten items. You might be surprised at what you find.

5. Have plenty of change on hand, including small bills and coins. Also, stock up on shopping bags and newspaper to wrap breakable items.

6. Make sure you use good signage to help buyers find your sale. Small signs with lit-

tle letters just don't cut it.

Keep the information simple and straight to the point: address, days and time of sale, and an arrow pointing in the right direction in large, easy to read letters will do the trick.

After your signs are up, drive past and see if you can read them easily, because if you can't, neither can anyone else.

When your sale is over, don't forget to take down your signs.

On the subject of signs, Wobbe adds, "Please remember that posting signs on utility poles, street or signal light poles and median strips is in violation of Florence City Code."

She also recommends using wooden stakes or plastic or metal sign holders to hold your signs.

Deadline for signup and inclusion in this year's Community-Wide Garage is Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m.

Heceta Water PUD seeks board member applicants

The Board of Directors of Heceta Water PUD is seeking to fill two seats during the Nov. 8 General Election.

Heceta Water is split into five subdivisions. The open positions are in districts No. 3 and 4.

To qualify, applicants need to be a registered voter living in those subdivisions who has

resided in the water district for the two years preceding the date of the election.

Completed forms are due Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Forms are available at Heceta Water, 87845 Highway 101, during the work week.

For more information, call 541-997-2446.

City holds free household recycling event Saturday

The City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) is offering Florence residential households free recycling of tires, appliances and propane tanks at Siuslaw High School, 2975 Oak St., on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the annual Black and White Recycling Day.

People can recycle: tires of 22 inches or less, at a maximum of 10 per household; small and large appliances of all kinds; and propane tanks of

5 gallons or less.

The Black and White event will not accept commercial waste such as vehicle tires, commercial appliances or hot water tanks.

The event partners with Central Coast Disposal, County Transfer and Recycling, Lane County, Les Schwab Tires and Potters Tire and Automotive.

For more information, visit the City of Florence Planning and Building Department at www.ci.florence.or.us/planning or call 541-997-8237.

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