

Community Spotlights

Fortunate facility

My wife Pamela and I have been in Florence for nearly 17 years and have enjoyed the use and activities of the Florence Events Center our entire time here.

As private citizens, we have used the FEC for a variety of purposes, from church services to dinners for a number of organizations and even for a celebration of life. As Mayor, I am proud of the FEC and the amazing amenity it has become for our community. In all cases the FEC has lived up to our expectations.

The FEC has become a place for our community and visitors to enjoy the arts, festivals, social gatherings and a meeting or two for the past 20 years.

Over the last few years, our City has placed an emphasis on continuing the success of the FEC into the future. We

are dedicated to ensuring that the FEC is a sustainable service in Florence. The FEC staff, under the direction of FEC Director Kevin Rhodes, has been a valuable resource to our facility and our community as we work towards that goal of sustainability. Projects such as Dancing with Sea Lions, the Pink Martini concert, and the many other events that our staff works diligently on will help us achieve that sustainability and excellence into the future.

All in all, we are fortunate that a city our size has a facility of this quality for citizens and visitors of all ages to enjoy. We hope you come join us at an upcoming event because there is always something happening at the Florence Events Center.

Joe Henry
Mayor, City of Florence

'We all need our place'

First dreamt of in the late '80s, the Florence Events Center became a reality in the early '90s and was introduced to Florence under the name "All Events Center" with the following slogan, "All Events Center — We All Need Our Place!"

There was strong community support back then, just as there is now, for an easily accessible, community-oriented facility with a specific emphasis on performance and arts of all kinds.

The City of Florence expresses its sincere appreciation to the FEC for adding to the quality of life of the area.

FEC is operated by a group of dedicated professionals who are always looking for ways to make the FEC a true source of civic pride.

Florence features an active arts community and a vast pool of retirees looking for opportunities to volunteer and make an impact for the greater good of the city. All this is made possible by the support of our community, the volunteers, the Friends of the Events Center

and the political support from the City Council and Lane County Commissioners.

FEC shines in the area of volunteer commitment to executing the mission of the FEC. You could not meet a more dedicated group of event center and theater volunteers. Volunteers contribute an average 5,000 hours per year, which is equivalent to 95,000 volunteer hours since the doors opened 20 years ago.

Florence City Council has recognized the potential for the FEC is to be a true economic engine for Florence and the surrounding communities. The city is dedicated to investing in significant improvements to the facility and technology to help position the FEC for long term success.

The sustainability of the Florence Events Center into the future will be a direct result of continued dedication and commitment from members of our community, city administration and local government officials.

Erin Reynolds
City Manager, City of Florence

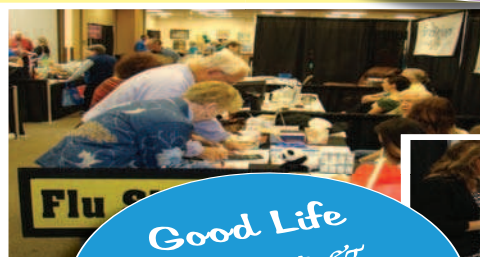
Congratulations FEC on your 20 years of providing a home for the many entertainment events, fundraisers and shows!



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