

FRAA to offer open studio

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is committed to supporting and encouraging artists, and to that end it will begin offering an Open Studio to artists on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

There is no registration needed for this, just drop in and create in the studio. This will be a perfect time to network with other artists —

sharing ideas and techniques, or just fun conversation.

Open Studio is free to FRAA members and will cost \$5 for non-members.

Artists should bring their own materials and tables and chairs will be set up.

The first Open Studio is on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., and its focus will be Jewelry.

The next Open Studio will be Oct. 27, and its focus will be on Painting/Drawing.

If this proves to be a successful venture, FRAA will continue to offer Open Studios during the weeks and months to come. It will put on a pot of coffee — just bring your own snacks if you wish.

FRAA is at 120 Maple St.

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to be extended to the properties annexed.

The council also approved the recommendations of city staff to make changes to the city's regulations and procedures, specifically in the Planning Department permitting process.

"We are probably one of the few cities in Oregon that are becoming this streamlined, this progressive, this user friendly. We will be a role model for changes throughout the rest of the state," Henry said.

During staff reports, Finance Director Andy Parks reported on the City of Florence Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) account.

"The city has a net unfunded actuarial liability of \$3.4 million, roughly. That is an increase of \$1.4 million, or 71 percent from the prior year," Parks said.

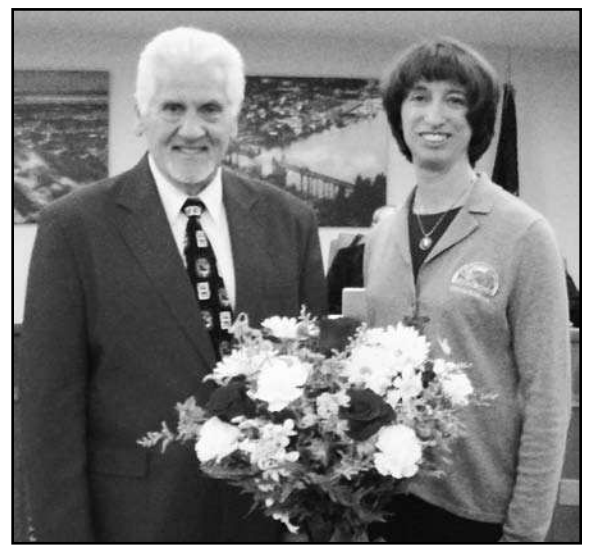
According to Parks, the anticipated PERS increases for 2017 would be an additional \$110,000 more than what is being paid at the current rates.

"This is the city's portion, not the employee's portion, which is separate," Parks said.

Parks said that "stagnant" property valuations were one of the factors exacerbating the problem for the city.

Henry said, "In the next 12 months that is going to change fairly dramatically because of the increase in our median housing prices and depending on what is going to happen with legislation on property tax reform. This isn't a 'today' problem. It is a problem out in the future."

He added, "The only other solution to this is to grow our community. Not only is our real estate market stagnant, but our population is stagnant. One way we can fix a number of our problems is to grow our community."



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Mayor Joe Henry presents Planning Director Wendy Farley-Campbell a bouquet of flowers from city staff in recognition of her retirement after serving 28 years in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve.



Florence Police Chief Tom Turner introduces Florence Police Department's newest officer, Colton Baker, 25 years old, from Springfield, during the Oct. 19 city council meeting.

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involved in the original efforts can reacquaint themselves with the important gains that have been achieved, with an eye to the future."

The exhibit is primarily a collection of carefully selected newspaper articles, photographs, graphics, images and other written or printed materials from the last quarter century.

The majority of these were gleaned from the Siuslaw News.

Henderson, said, "The newspaper has been instrumental in getting the impor-

tant information to its readers, but also showing the variety of things that have been on people's minds."

Particularly compelling are the panels on the media and its role in the community, the differing opinions on war and its effects, the zoning of Old Town and the ongoing health care debate.

Fleenor is also pleased with the dedication of community volunteers.

She said, "We have a large population of conscious and conscientious folks that make this community so livable and so fantastic."

One of the points made by both Henderson and Fleenor is the importance of looking

forward to deal with the new challenges the community currently faces.

Henderson said, "In my estimation, we have a climate problem that is not being addressed adequately, and the fact that we are poisoning our environment is extremely troubling."

Fleenor added, "This a space that we provide for those individuals and groups that want to be solutionists and problem solvers."

The Social Action retrospective will be at the The Gallery Above Silver Lining Boutique through the end of October.

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My wife Teresa and I have been married for 31 years. We have one daughter and two sons as well as two granddaughters and one grandson. We moved to Florence over 26 years ago. We love being a part of this community. The fishing is great too!



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Mike Barrett's Garage Doors

My wife Angie and I and our three daughters, moved to Florence in December 1988. Our lovely daughters are all married now and we have five wonderful Grandkids. Along with being a self-employed contractor, I am a volunteer Fire Captain at Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue. In my spare time I go land and water metal detecting. My wife and I are currently Afghan hound rescue volunteers for Oregon, rehabilitating and re-homing this wonderful breed of dogs.

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