

Flotones seeks singers for spring

The FloTones are searching for a few good singers to round out the ranks.

Florence's premier vocal jazz ensemble is currently working on FloTones' "Songs of Faith" for this spring, as well as maintaining a repertoire of jazz and pop classics.

If you have seen and heard the FloTones on stage at their

last September's Latin Rhythms show or saw them in December's Holly Jolly Follies, you know the FloTones enjoy singing, performing and presenting a great musical experience.

If you are a soprano, tenor or bass and would be interested in joining this dynamic group, contact John Culp at 541-590-0210.

FUUF donates to Boys and Girls Club

On Jan. 25, Jennifer French, Community Out-reach representative for the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) delivered a donation of \$2,210 to the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County.

Florence's Boys and Girls Club strives for dynamic youth development and serves grades K-12 and about 600 members each year. The core elements offered at the club are academic success, character, leadership and healthy lifestyles.

French handed over the Fellowship's last quarter donation to Boys and Girls Club board member Michael Pearson, Executive Director Chuck Trent and Teen Center Director Tracy Aaron.

FUUF's January through March offering is designated for Food Share.



COURTESY PHOTO

FUUF's Community Outreach representative Jennifer French (far left) delivers quarterly donation to Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Board Member Michael Pearson, Director Chuck Trent and Teen Program Director Tracy Aaron.

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land use processes, completed land use and other regulations related to the legalized recreational marijuana industry and has addressed city code and nuisance issues.

Henry said future livability projects include creating a new Siuslaw River beach access and a Siuslaw Estuary Trail connecting the estuary to the port boardwalk and the Old Town Interpretive Center.

Also, the city plans to expand the popular FloGro program.

Henry pointed to the development of a new manufacturing facility in the Pacific View

Business Park as an example of Economic Development.

He also talked about the multi-million dollar ReVision Florence project.

Because the Florence Urban Renewal Agency ReVision Florence focus is primarily along Highway 101 between the Siuslaw River Bridge and Highway 126, Henry tried to assure businesses north of Ninth Street that they would not be excluded.

"The city supports the chamber in creating a Highway Commercial District committee to focus on the needs of businesses north of Ninth Street," Henry said.

Public art is also part of Economic Development,

according to Henry. He said the Public Art committee is focused on five key projects including the Siuslaw River Bridge steps, the Central Lincoln PUD building mural and the "Art Exposed" outdoor art gallery.

Communication and Trust included all levels of interaction.

"The success we have experienced this last year as a city has only been achieved by

working with our local, county, regional and state partners," Henry said.

Henry touted the expansion of the city's social media presence, stating the city had more than 4,000 followers on Facebook.

He also said Florence is very close to achieving Coast Guard City USA recognition.

Under the fifth goal, Financial and Organizational Sustainability, Henry said, the

finance department negotiated an Amended Financing Agreement with a blended 2.92 percent interest rate and obtained additional \$2 million, for a total of \$9.8 million, for the City and Urban Renewal capital projects."

He added that the city is moving to a two-year planning and budget cycle with the 2017-18 work plan adoption scheduled for the next Florence City Council meeting that will

be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5.

Henry concluded by saying, "I would encourage our citizens to get involved through our various volunteer opportunities and join our 'City in Motion.' I am proud to have served as your mayor and I looking forward to my second term."

"The City in Motion" video and the State of the City presentation can be found at vimeo.com/florenceoregon.

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"I personally would give Steven the rating of 'excellent,'" Caputo said. "Do we give him a raise?"

Administrative Assistant Dina McClure said, according to Leskin's employment contract, his salary would be annually adjusted according to his performance evaluation. She noted that Leskin did receive a salary increase to \$65,000 after his six-month evaluation, as agreed to in the contract.

Despite assurances from McClure that funds were available, commissioners did not approve the raise.

Caputo and Commissioner Nancy Rickard voted for a 4 percent salary increase. Commissioners Terry Duman, Mike Buckwald and David Huntington did not vote.

Duman said, "I think he is adequately compensated and I have no problem going with the status quo."

Caputo said the annual salary discussion would be placed on the agenda for the Feb. 15 board meeting.

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Information regarding local immunization rates must be distributed to parents according to Oregon law.

The reason for this policy, according to the laws sponsor, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, is two-fold.

She said she believes that parents are better protected sending their children to

schools with high immunization rates and that it facilitates the gathering of data for studies on the efficacy of vaccines.

The immunization rate for students in Lane County according to the most recent CDC report is 88 percent.

For more information on the upcoming immunization deadline, contact Mapleton or Siuslaw School Districts.

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