

Community News

Oregon Main Street Revitalization receives \$5million

The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program received \$5 million included in a lottery bond bill (SB 5530) during the 2017 legislative session.

These funds will be available to Oregon Main Street Network organizations in the spring of 2019 to fund building projects that encourage economic revitalization.

This grant program was created during the 2015 legislative session, and placed with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office.

The 2015 legislation established a permanent fund for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant, and provided an initial infusion of funds from the sale of lottery bonds.

In the first round of applications last spring, 27 matching grants worth \$2,355,700 were awarded to Oregon Main Street Network organizations across the state. Awards ranged from \$17,500-\$100,000 for projects from facade improvement to

elevator access and seismic upgrades.

Klamath Falls Downtown Association received \$100,000 to install elevators in two downtown buildings. The proj-

ected for work to repair or restore their historic theaters: The OK Theatre in Enterprise \$100,000, the Rivoli Theater in Pendleton \$100,000, the Bungalow Theater in

Woodburn \$100,000, and the Hill Theatre, now a retail store, in Hillsboro \$100,000.

The next round of the Main Street Revitalization Grant will be open in the spring of 2019.

The funds must be used to award grants to participating Oregon Main Street Network organiza-

tions to acquire, rehabilitate or construct buildings to facilitate community revitalization.

The program also requires that at least 50 percent of the funds go to rural communities as defined in the initial bill.

To learn more about the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant or the Oregon Main Street Network, visit www.oregonheritage.org or contact Sheri Stuart at Sheri.Stuart@oregon.gov or 503-986-0679.

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ect will address the goal of downtown housing and make available 20 units.

Astoria Downtown Historic District Association received \$100,000 for a downtown housing project that comprises 40 units and retail space.

A \$100,000 project in Burns will restore a historic hotel left vacant for decades.

A \$100,000 project in Independence will rehabilitate an underused building to be a local brewery.

Several communities were

DAR to host talk from married Korean War vets

The Oregon Dunes chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will resume their meeting year with a program by local veterans Terri and Charlie Pennington on Friday, Sept. 22.

The Pennington's met in the army, married and after a year of separate assignments, were reunited in South Korea after Charlie completed a year in Vietnam.

Little did they know they would become an important part of history.

On January 23, 1968, the USS Pueblo was seized by North Korea. Eighty-three American sailors were captured and tortured.

Eleven months later, eighty-two surviving crewmembers and one body were bussed down to the border crossing at the Bridge of No Return on Dec. 23, 1968. The surviving crewmen walked one by one across the bridge at Panmunjom to freedom in South Korea.

Terri, who was a first Lieutenant nurse, tended to the crewman at the US Army Garrison Yongsan hospital.

Charlie, who was a Chief Warrant Officer and a Medical Services Corps helicopter pilot, returned the caskets of those who didn't survive.

The public is invited to hear about the Pennington's extraordinary story, as they talk about



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlie and Terri Pennington show off pictures from their time in the Korean War.

their involvement in this timely part of American history.

The meeting will be held at the New Life Lutheran Church, located at 2100 Spruce St. Please call Karen Childs at 541-999-7154 for the start time.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent

from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for DAR membership.

DAR boasts 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally.

To learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit the national website at www.dar.org.



CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS

MULTI-STATE



Saturday September 23rd 2:30pm
Florence Event Center 715 Quince St.
Walk-in's welcome.

Multi-State: \$80.00
 Oregon Included No Fee
Oregon Only: \$45.00

Shaun Curtain 360-921-2071
 or email: FirearmTrainingNW@gmail.com | www.FirearmTrainingNW.com

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TO HOST 'SENIOR-SENIOR PROM'

A white sports coat and a pink carnation will fit right in at the Senior-Senior Prom set for Friday, Oct. 20, at Three Rivers Casino Resort.

This gala party is a fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, with proceeds going toward helping finish the building expansion project currently underway at the Boys and Girls Club.

"The project is a critical part of the club's expanding outreach and ongoing commitment to helping kids in the Florence area realize their full potential as healthy, happy, involved members of this community," said Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Jack Davis.

The Senior-Senior Prom will have dancing to popular tunes

of the '50s and '60s, a silent and live auction, games and hors d'oeuvres. In addition, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available, so no need to spike the punch bowl.

Dance the Mashed Potato, Twist, Hand Jive and Chicken Dance, or just slow dance to the Righteous Brothers.

Tickets are \$65 each, or sponsor a six-, eight- or 10-seat table.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are available at the Senior, Junior, Sophomore or Freshman level.

No prom is complete without a king and queen. The king and queen of the Senior-Senior Prom will be crowned at midnight (8:30 p.m. Senior-Senior time.)

The prom runs from 6 to 9

p.m.

"We're the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County and we know how to have fun," said Davis. "So, be a cool daddy and bring your main squeeze. Get down with it and have a far out, groovy, blast from the past."

Tickets will be available beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Coast Insurance, Boys and Girls Club, Umpqua Bank, Banner Bank, Oregon Pacific Bank, The Shippin' Shack, State Farm Insurance and Washington Federal.

This is a 21-and-way-older event.

For more information, call the Boys and Girls Club at 541-902-0304.

Yard Debris Disposal
Next Date is September 16
9am to 2pm
at the Kingwood entrance to the airport, located at Kingwood & 27th St.

COST

Pickup load \$10

Small Utility Trailer (Single Axle) \$10

Medium Utility Trailer (10-12 ft) \$15

Large Utility Trailer (12-18ft) \$20

Greater than 20 cubic yards \$20 +\$5/yard over

2017 Collection Dates:

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 21

Bring:

- Tree Clippings
- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Weeds
- Prunings
- Brush

DO NOT Bring your:

- Food & Household waste
- Animal Waste
- Plastics
- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Waste

For questions, please contact the City of Florence Public Works Department at 541-997-4106

Purchase Soroptimist Roses now

Tickets are now on sale for The Soroptimist Club of Florence Annual Rose Sale.

Tickets are \$20 for a dozen roses which will be hand delivered locally on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Proceeds support the Soroptimists mission of improving the lives of women and girls in the Florence area.

Ongoing projects include: Christmas Food and Toy baskets, Human Trafficking Seminars, Scholarships for the Rhododendron Court, Live Your Dream Awards, and more.

To purchase tickets, contact any Soroptimist member, call Hine at 541-997-2233 or email siflorence@soroptimist.net.

Get Your Game On!

Sign up for Winter Leagues!

Looking for something different to do this winter? Break out of your old routine and join us for good old fashioned fun at **Holiday Bowl**.

We have plenty of leagues for men, women, kids and social leagues.

League Bowling begins after Labor Day Weekend!

Everyone is Welcome to Join a League at **Holiday Bowl**

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