

Recycle from 1A

container is the new standard, or they are going to say they don't want it and they won't accept it for recycling," Twombly said.

He said that 90 percent of impurities in the recycling come from food containers and plastic bags.

"All of our West Coast recycling has always gone to China, and this is going to be a big problem," Twombly said. "All the recycling efforts that we have done over the last few months may end up in the landfill."

The other EMAC members seemed to be caught off guard by the news that affects the entire Pacific Northwest. The discussion during the meeting showed clearly that the world is more interconnected than ever before.

It also shows that decisions made thousands of miles away, in this case in China, can directly affect residents of Florence.

"Beginning tomorrow, we are no longer going to accept plastic in our commingled recycling. That has come to an end," Twombly said.

At this point, the city landfill site is

still going to accept plastic. "Because they have someone on hand," Twombly said.

City Planner Wendy FarleyCampbell released a statement Thursday outlining the change in the materials that will be picked up by the local waste management companies.

"All plastics and gable topped and other aseptic beverage cartons (such as for milk, juice and soy) will not be accepted in your curbside recycling bin. Place the above items in your trashcan. There is no location in Lane County to recycle these materials," FarleyCampbell said.

People can continue to place clean corrugated cardboard, newsprint, paper board — such as shoe boxes, computer paper, aluminum and steel cans in their recycle bin.

Other containers, such as glass bottles and jars, oil jugs, antifreeze containers and lead acid batteries which are not leaking, can be placed at the curb separately for pick-up.

FarleyCampbell went on to mention the fluid nature of the situation, as it currently exists, suggesting that things may change as the industry as a whole reacts to this major change in the

waste management paradigm that has existed for the past 20 years.

"There is still much uncertainty in what will happen and exactly what China will and will not accept, and uncertainty regarding the capacity of other processors in Asia or the U.S. to handle material," she said. "We expect that there could be certain materials that will no longer be recyclable for at least a year or two, or possibly much longer. Collection programs may need to drop certain materials from their collection programs. But again, there is a lot of uncertainty."

She added that local governments, recycling collectors and processors and the Department of Environmental Quality are working together to prepare for different possibilities and to develop strategies to maintain recycling collection and processing where possible.

EMAC also discussed the committee's pending recommendation to Florence City Council regarding the removal of all polystyrene foam (PSF) food containers and the formation of a subcommittee to address the subject of climate change.

Scholarship night preps students

Western Lane Community Foundation, in partnership with ASPIRE (Access to Student Assistance Programs in Each of Everyone), will host the annual Local Scholarship Night on Monday night, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Open to both juniors and seniors from Mapleton and Siuslaw High Schools, the evening offers a unique opportunity for students and their parents to interact with local scholarship providers who will answer questions regarding qualifications. Students will

receive applications on a zip drive from all those who participate, and will listen to brief seminars regarding how to interview, write resumes and how to be prepared for the total scholarship process.

The Siuslaw High Culinary students will also provide snacks.

The meeting will be held in the commons area of the Siuslaw High School at 2975 Oak St.

For more information, email ASPIRE at aspire@siuslaw.k12.or.us.

Supper from 1A

"Last year, the Episcopal church made this beef stew and, oh man, that was good," Wood said. "Everything is homemade, and I appreciate the heck out of that."

While the original focus of the program was helping families in need, the scope has expanded to everyone in need.

"Some of that need is loneliness," Wood said. "This is a community meal that celebrates friends and

families."

The next community supper will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the New Life Lutheran Church located at 2100 Spruce St. from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On May 17, the Florence United Methodist Church at 333 Kingwood St. will hold their dinner, and on May 24, the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will hold their supper. Both will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted, but not required.

Dive from 1A

"As more people become aware of the event, they hear what a great event it is and want to be a part of it. Eugene Skin Divers Supply, Builders Electric, Burgers on the Run, NW Pharmaceutical

Compounding, RV Corral and Bi-Mart have generously supported Dive for a Cure every year," Hollingshead said.

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