

# Property tax statements 'Dive for a Cure' goes deep for cancer fundraiser now available online

Lane County taxpayers will receive their 2017-2018 property tax statements beginning on Monday, Oct. 23. Statements are available online now, as well as information about the county value trends, levy changes, and individual property tax account information, at [www.lane-county.org/AT](http://www.lane-county.org/AT).

The first payment is due on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Lane County Assessment and Taxation collects property tax on behalf of 83 separate taxing districts, including cities, schools, education service districts, water districts, rural fire districts, urban renewal districts and other taxing districts, such as park and

recreation, library and ambulance districts.

The total property tax certified for all tax levies combined in 2017-18 is \$515.8 million.

This is approximately 4.1 percent more than in 2016.

The total amount of taxes billed changes each year as a result of the addition of new or renewed local option and bond levies, the expiration of local option and bond levies, the 3 percent statutory increase in Maximum Assessed Values (MAV), the addition of new properties to the tax roll, the number of exemptions granted and the number of properties being taxed on their lower market values instead of their Measure 50 MAV.

## AARP seeks tax prep volunteers

AARP has provided free income tax preparation for the citizens of Florence and the surrounding communities for more than 20 years.

In order to continue this valuable service, the Florence site needs additional volunteers to prepare income tax returns.

Those who enjoy working with people and have experi-

ence preparing taxes using software such as TurboTax or H&R Block are encouraged to apply.

Training will be provided starting the second week of January, and tax preparation begins in early February through April 15.

Those interested should call David Riordan at 510-468-1796.



PHOTO BY MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

SCUBA Divers from across the state made a trip to Lake Woahink on Saturday in support of the tenth annual 'Dive for a Cure.' The event is organized by Eugene Skin Divers Supply and supported by Eugene Builders Supply. There were more than 200 participants at the fundraiser. There was also a silent auction table of items donated by area merchants, a free BBQ provided by Eugene's 'Burger on the Run' and a table of local and regional wines from vintners across Oregon and Washington state. The event added more than \$30,000 to the amount raised this year by divers for the fight against Cancer, which now totals \$57,000 for 2017. In the ten years of the 'Dive' more than \$500,000 has been donated to OHSU.

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## 'Free Lunch' says goodbye to executive co-chair

The Free Lunch Program is bidding a reluctant goodbye to Executive Co-Chair Brenda Schweitzer after five years under her expert leadership.

Schweitzer, who has been an active volunteer with the Free Lunch Program for seven years, is moving from Florence. Her kindness and her

many hours of service will be much missed.

The Free Lunch Program provides a free meal of soup, bread, desert and beverage every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Florence United Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood and Second streets.

All are welcome to attend and have lunch.

The program was begun approximately 22 years ago by the Florence United Methodist Church and is now staffed by volunteers from Florence United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Florence Christian Church and Baha'i and Friends.

Past members have included the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, Florentine Estate and

the Florence Kiwanis Club. The program is administered by a council of representatives from each of the churches.

Cindy Orr takes on the position of executive co-chair vacated by Schweitzer. Sandy Steckclair serves as co-chair for finance.

Free Lunch encourages other organizations and individuals to become involved in cooking and serving the lunches.

For more information or to get involved, contact Orr at [cynorr@gmail.com](mailto:cynorr@gmail.com).

# Rotary Florence, Oregon

The Rotary Club of Florence will be getting ready to do one of the Siuslaw Public Library Children's Librarian and Rotarian Miss Gayle favorite things. On Thursday October 19th Miss Gayle and fellow Rotarians will be distributing Thesaurus to all Siuslaw Elementary 4th graders. On Monday October 23 Rotarians will be back out distributing dictionaries to all 3rd graders at Siuslaw Elementary School.

As Rotarians we are thrilled to provide these amazing learning tools to the future leaders of our community. Make sure if you have a 3rd of 4th grader at Siuslaw Elementary to ask them about their new books and take some time to sit down with them.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Florence please contact President Craig Sanders at 541-999-1713 or [craig@hoaglandproperties.com](mailto:craig@hoaglandproperties.com).

Meetings are every Tuesday at noon at the Florence Events Center and are open to any Rotarian or Guests

**Meets at the Florence Events Center  
715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon 97439  
Each Tuesday From Noon to 1 p.m.  
[www.theflorencerotary.org](http://www.theflorencerotary.org)**

**For more information  
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WEATHER DATA			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Oct. 10	54	39	0.10
Oct. 11	56	38	0.60
Oct. 12	56	43	0.67
Oct. 13	56	38	0.23
Oct. 14	59	37	0.00
Oct. 15	65	39	0.00
Oct. 16	61	38	0.00
<b>Rainfall</b>	<b>Week: 1.60"</b>		
<b>Month: 1.96"</b>	<b>Year: 75.89"</b>		

*Courtesy of Roger Cunningham*

**FRAA ART CENTER**  
120 Maple Street  
Phone: 541-997-4435  
Hours Open: Wed-Fri noon-5pm,  
Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-5pm

### Classes, Workshops & Events

**Annual Members' Meeting**  
Monday, October 16, 3:30 pm. Come learn about what we have been doing and upcoming events, hear the results of our annual survey, vote for new board members.

**Next Art Swap Day**  
Monday, November 13th, 9-11 am  
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

**Open Studio @ FRAA, Thursdays**  
No registration required. Drop-in, bring your materials, and create. All artistic mediums welcome.  
Every Thursday, 1-4 pm

**Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics w/ Alissa Clark**  
Wednesdays, 3-5 pm & Thursdays, 6-8 pm  
**Open Lab Ceramics on Saturdays**  
Drop in, work at own pace. Sat 12-5 pm  
All ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio, 180 Laurel Street. Call Alissa with questions: 503-857-5222

**NEW! Florence Big Wave Spooky Word Contest**  
Friday, October 27, 7 pm at FRAA  
\$10 minimum donation at the door to benefit Malakia's bone marrow transplant. Poets, songwriters, storytellers all welcome. Must be your original work. Limited to 4 minutes.  
Registration at 6:30 pm. \$100 First Prize, gift certificates for 2nd and 3rd prize as well as best costume!

**Catherine Rourke will be back in 2018 for new Creative Writing Workshops!**

**Painting with John Leasure**  
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm  
Oct 14, 21 and 28, Nov 4, 11, 18 and 25  
Contact: [jleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jleasure@hotmail.com) or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

**Oil Painting with Michael Wood**  
Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Contact: [fmwood@msn.com](mailto:fmwood@msn.com) for fees and more information.

**For more information about classes, visit [fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org). To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.**