

# Community News

## Santa's arrival to highlight Saturday's Holiday Festival

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is kicking off its annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Santa's arrival, hayrides, lighted boats at the marina and the official lighting of its Christmas tree will take place in Historic Old Town, with shops and galleries remaining open for holiday shopping all around town.

Many events will take place in Historic Old Town between 3:30 and 7 p.m.

"Rain or shine, it's time to

celebrate together," said Bettina Hannigan, the Chamber's executive director. "Our Old Town area is getting decked-out for the holidays and we are excited to announce that The City of Florence has planted a gorgeous live tree at the Siuslaw Interpretive Park for our town to enjoy year after year.

"Come on out to be a part of the festivities."

At 3:30 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via firetruck down Bay Street, courtesy of

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue.

"Bring the kids, naughty or nice, to Gazebo Park in Old Town to visit with Santa, enjoy hot cider, music, candy canes and all of the sparkling lights," adds Hannigan. "There will be free hay rides down Bay Street between the Port of Siuslaw and the parking lot west of The River House Inn."

As it gets dark at about 5:30 p.m. everyone can gather at the Siuslaw Interpretive Park when Mayor Joe Henry flips the

switch to light our new tree for the very first time."

Live music by Robert Paslay and Friends from Eugene will add to the festivities on Bay Street beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday is also national Shop Small day in honor of supporting small business in America.

"Bring your shopping list and 'Shop Small' by visiting Florence merchants throughout town on Bay Street, the Antiques District and uptown 101," said Hannigan. "Many

have new inventory coming in and are offering shopping specials all day Saturday and throughout the season. Let's keep our shopping dollars in our community."

New this year is the "Light Up Your Boat Float" at the Port of Siuslaw docks in Old Town. Boat owners — of anything from yachts to canoes — are encouraged to bring their boats, decorate them for the holidays, and be part of the festivities.

Participants can moor their boats overnight on Nov. 25 for

free to be part of the event, but they must register with the Port before Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The Chamber will award a trophy for the best decorated vessel. In addition, the local Coast Guard station will dock one of their vessels as part of the festivities.

For more information, call the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128, visit FlorenceChamber.com or check their Facebook page at Florence Oregon Coast.

## Kiwanis' free Community Thanksgiving Nov. 23

The community is invited to the Kiwanis of Florence's annual Florence Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23.

The dinner will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, located at 1686 12th St.

Cash donations will be accepted but aren't required, along with donations of dry or canned food for Florence Food Share.

Free transportation within the city limits will be provided by River Cities Taxi by calling 541-997-8520.

Volunteers are still needed. To help, call Pam at 541-999-4883.

## Rodger Bennett photography on display at Chamber Visitor's Center

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center, 290 Highway 101, features a different local art exhibit each month. Through November, the photography of Rodger Bennett is being featured.

"It's an honor to have been chosen by the chamber to hang my work in their lobby," said Bennett. "I think that the chamber's monthly exhibits are a good offering of the Florence area's arts community, and that gives credit to the chamber, local artists and the kinds of things that are unique to Florence."

"I believe that quality art makes people feel better and that certainly is a growing attraction to Florence in itself."

Bennett's exhibit includes nine self-framed prints. Several are printed on metal, a few are printed on foam board, and all are available to purchase after the exhibit ends in December.

He says the selections represent accurate depictions of things that people find attractive, that nearly all are easily recognizable local scenes and that only one is from an outside area.

"I won't say which one. You'll have



The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center is showing photography by local artist Rodger Bennett.

"The exhibit is pretty typical of my studio in Old Town, although there are no portraits on display. I really enjoy making portraits that people like," he said.

Bennett's studio is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 228-A Harbor St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

His phone number is 541-991-0777 and his website is PhotoByRodger.com.

"We are delighted to have Rodger's work on display this month at the Chamber's visitor center," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "The chamber is listed in the local art tour listings because of our new monthly displays of photography, paintings, or three-dimensional art by local artists and galleries."

The chamber's visitors center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and how to join or volunteer, visit FlorenceChamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

## Spruce Point to host Holiday Bazaar Nov. 24

Santa Claus and his reindeer are making an appearance at Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care on Friday, Nov. 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

All are welcome to visit during the Spruce Point Holiday Bazaar. There will be craft vendors, a bake sale and chili feed, with Santa as the special guest.

The event is free to attend. Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care is at 375 Ninth St.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by Daniel Hurley, Waste Management Division Manager, at the Office of the Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division, 3100 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, until **10:00:00 A.M., local time, THURSDAY, November 30, 2017**, at which time and place they will be opened for the following project:

**Contract No. 17/18-01**  
**Florence Transfer Station Tipping Floor Repairs**  
**Lane County November 2017**

The approximate quantities are: Approximately 36 CY of structural concrete overlay, 190 square feet of AR 400 3/8" metal sheet and associated steel materials. Estimated cost range: \$71,000 to \$79,000.

A portion of the bidding information is available through Lane County's Website at [http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw\\_plan/Projects.aspx?](http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw_plan/Projects.aspx?) (select "2017 Projects"). Information available on the website includes: Invitation for Bids, Plan Holders List, Plans and Special Provisions, Addendums, and Bid Results, but does not include the Bid Booklet required for submitting a bid.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at the Lane County Waste Management Central Receiving Station between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, on or after **November 8, 2017**. Interested parties may obtain printed copies of the plans and specifications for a non-refundable \$35.00 charge for each set. Only bidding documents (Bid Booklet) obtained directly from Lane County Department of Public Works office may be used to submit bids.

Bidders must obtain the Bid Booklet required for submitting a bid directly from the Department of Public Works Customer Service Center or from the Reception Desk at the Central Transfer Station, Glenwood, either in person or by calling 541-682-3882. Only a Bid Booklet obtained directly from Lane County Department of Public Works may be used to submit a bid.

Lane County will not consider a bid for a public improvement contract unless the bidder is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board or the State Landscape Contractors Board.

This project does not require the Contractor or subcontractor to be licensed under ORS 468A.720 for asbestos abatement.

Prevailing wage rates for public works contracts in Oregon are required for this project pursuant to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. The Contactor shall pay each worker in each trade or occupation employed to perform any work under the contract not less than the existing State (BOLI) prevailing wage rate. Lane County will not consider a bid unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder that the bidder will comply with ORS 279C.838 and ORS 279C.840.

Each bid must contain a statement as to whether the bidder is a resident or non-resident bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120. Each bidder must be an "Equal Opportunity Employer" and comply with the appropriate provisions of state and federal law. Each bidder is required to comply with ORS 656.017 regarding worker's compensation, unless the bidder meets the requirements for exemption under ORS 656.126.

Pursuant to ORS 279C.505(2), Lane County's performance under this contract is conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance and warranty that a Drug Testing Program will be maintained for its employees.

Lane County may reject a bid that does not comply with prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375(3)(b), and the County may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest.

**All envelopes must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside showing the name of the bidder, name of the project, contract number and the word "BID".**

Each bid must be submitted on the required form and be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured institution as defined in ORS 706.008, or surety bond payable to "Lane County", Oregon in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid.

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