

GENERAL NEWS

City seeks to fill council member vacancy

The City of Florence is in the middle of an ambitious two-year work plan to help move Florence toward the City's efforts to become Oregon's Premier Coastal Community.

Service on the Florence City Council offers an opportunity for residents to become involved in their city government and to help shape the direction of the city.

For more information about the City's Goals and Work Plan visit www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-goals-work-plan.

The Florence City Council meets regularly on the first and third Mondays at 5:30 p.m., and in work sessions generally on the first and third Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

In addition, Florence City Councilors serve as liaisons on one or more city committees and often represent Florence at many different events and

groups.

Anyone interested in serving on the Florence City Council, can download an application at www.ci.florence.or.us.

Applications are also available at Florence City Hall – 250 Highway 101 in Florence.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018. Applicants need to reside in the Florence city limits for at least one year prior to appointment and be a registered voter.

Applications will be reviewed by the Florence City Council and may be invited to interviews with the Council the week of Jan. 17.

For more information about the process, visit the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us, or contact City Recorder and Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

Peace Harbor palliative care helps fill community need

After one full year of operation, the PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Palliative Care team said it is clear that the program is providing much-needed and valued services to the Florence community.

"I think the need for these services has long been established in Florence," said Stephen Kerner, DO, palliative care medical director. "We are just now getting the opportunity to offer this extra layer of support to patients dealing with serious illness."

"It's all about providing the right care at the right time."

Palliative care fills the gap for patients who want and need comfort and treatment at any stage of an illness. Patients receiving palliative care services must have a diagnosis of a serious or chronic illness and a desire for easing of symptoms—physical, social, emotional or spiritual.

The primary focus is on pain and symptom management, with the goal of improving quality of life.

The Peace Harbor program has served approximately 160 patients since December of 2016. The team has focused on serving the highest-need population, including residents of local facilities and those who are homebound and unable to get to the clinic for medical care.

"These patients have long fallen through the cracks of our health care system and will often get their medical care



COURTESY PHOTO

Palliative Care team members Stephen Kerner, Donna Becker and Suzan Larson

through the Emergency Department at a time of crisis," said Suzan Larson, the program's medical office assistant.

Donna Becker, the team's medical social worker, said patients feel supported and know they are not alone.

The program has significantly increased use of hospice services, which provide an interdisciplinary approach to care for the terminally ill.

Palliative care programs across the country have proven to make hospice referrals in a more timely manner, getting patients the additional support they need when they qualify for it.

Emergency room visits and

hospitalizations have also decreased for this patient population.

The Palliative Care team strives to respond to patients who have new or worsening symptoms within one to two days, which has led to better management of symptoms and less need to seek emergency care.

The team of three hopes to add a second provider, said Becker.

"Right now, we are limited in how many patients we can serve due to the size of our team. I anticipate that this program will continue to grow over the coming years; the need is definitely there."

Beginning in January, the team will host a series of classes to train prospective volunteers to work directly with palliative care patients.

Trainings will be held at Lane Community College and include an overview of palliative care, the role of the team and the volunteer, communication and spirituality.

Sessions start on Jan. 10 and will continue every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to noon, through Feb. 14.

Anyone interested in volunteering or with questions can contact Donna Becker at dbecker@peacehealth.org or call 541-902-6734.

FLORENCE GARDEN CLUB OFFERING \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

The Florence Garden Club is seeking applicants for a scholarship which awards local adult students pursuing specific technical certifications.

The candidate must be over the age of 18 and from the Florence or Mapleton areas.

The candidate must be pursuing certification for watershed resources management,

watershed science, water conservation, water plant operator or other sustainability/renewable energy careers.

Applications and information are available by email request to deettemiller@gmail.com.

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| Events & Performing Arts: | FRI 22 | SAT 23 | SUN 24 | MON 25 | TUE 26 | WED 27 | THU 28 |
| ROYAL OPERA BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER 180 MIN - The holiday classic | | 11:00 AM | | | | | |
| NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: YOUNG MARX 180 MIN - 1 st play at 1 st new theatre in 80 years | | | | | | 6:00 PM | |
| SMALL BUSINESS REVOLUTION Main Street: Preview & Community Forum 120 MIN - FREE! | | | | | | | 6:00 PM |

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

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Viewfinders announce December contest winners



December photo winners were by (from left) Stephanie Ames, Curt Peters and Craig Shreeve.

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club theme for

December was "Moods in Black & White," and members came up with an wide array of photo submissions.

First place went to Stephanie Ames for her photograph, which showed a couple dodging a gigantic wave at the coast, titled "They Survived."

Curt Peters took second with an up-close photo of a raven straight out of Edgar Allan Poe.

Craig Shreeve's third place image was a composite of the Bandon Lighthouse with a magnificent old pirate ship apparently about to crash onto the rocks.

The next meeting of the Viewfinders Club will be Monday, Jan. 8, in the Bromley Room of The Siuslaw Public Library.

The theme for January is "The Sound of Music."

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