

GENERAL NEWS

WLCF announces continuing education scholarships

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has announced its 4th annual Continuing Education Scholarships program for 2018.

These scholarships are awarded to students who use permanent home addresses within the Florence/Dunes City/Mapleton/Deadwood geographical areas and have already graduated from high school, have their diploma, GED, or were home-schooled and are eligible to enter higher education or a trade school, graduate program.

This includes non-traditional students returning to a program after a career or family change or job loss.

Scholarships are available for traditional four-year universities, colleges, community colleges and accredited trade schools.

Applications can be obtained at LCC or on the WLCF website: www.wlcfonline.org. Application packets may be submitted online, or by mail at PO Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439.

The deadline for post-mark receipt is Saturday, June 30.

Deadline approaching for purchase of Vet Wall bricks

The deadline for submitting applications for placing the name of a veteran, or individual on active duty, on a brick in the Veteran's Memorial Park will be May 31 for this wall panel.

Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce and Patriot Place, located at 175 No-pal St. in Old Town Florence.

Placement of the personalized bricks will take place this July.

The cost of a brick is \$75, which is tax deductible, with a limited number of spaces currently available.

For more information call project coordinator Tony Cavarano at 541-997-1677



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Veteran, Band of Brothers member and Veterans Wall project coordinator Tony Cavarano with brick applications.

FURA purchases land across from events center



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The above map shows the designated property purchased for \$495,000 by the Florence Urban Renewal Agency.

On Tuesday, May 15, the Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) closed on the purchase of the vacant property located at 750 Quince Street. The property is the former location of the Siuslaw Middle School and is located across Quince Street from the Florence Events Center. The former middle school property is made up of two tax lots totaling 13.41 acres. The combined property was purchased from Aspen Flo, LLC, a private development firm, for \$495,000.

In 2016, the FURA Board contracted with Leland Consulting Group to perform a market analysis and create investment strategy for the Urban Renewal District. Through this project, five catalyst sites were identified for development projects that demonstrated

a market opportunity and would encourage other investments to coalesce around those areas.

Evaluating catalyst sites was a fundamental step in understanding and planning for FURA investment. The former middle school site was identified in both the market analysis and the investment strategy as an important redevelopment catalyst site.

The FURA Board's decision to purchase the former middle school site was based on the following:

- Identification as a catalyst development site
- Strategic location in proximity to the:
 - Florence Events Center
 - ReVision Florence Old Town Gateway on Quince Street
 - Siuslaw Estuary Trail and Trailhead
 - Historic Florence Old Town
 - Desire to incentivize development on a site that has been vacant

Based on the investment strategy, it is important that FURA's public investments be targeted so

that they directly and indirectly attract private investment to the greatest extent possible. It is recommended that, at a minimum, FURA should seek to leverage at least five dollars of private investment for every dollar of public investment.

With FURA now being the land owner, the strategy is to leverage their investment in attracting new development on the land either as a whole or in smaller sections. Where a private land owner also has the goal to see a profit on the development of land, FURA can enter a public-private partnership with the goal to increase property values and property tax increment for the District rather than solely profit from the sale of the land.

The FURA Board will work with staff to create a development plan and timeline for property over the next few months.

The estimated developable land is approximately 6.24 acres and is limited due to the eastern tax lot bordering the Siuslaw River Estuary.

FURA previously purchased two lots at the southwest corner of the Highway 126 and Spruce Street intersection, which will eventually be the trailhead for the Siuslaw Estuary Trail.

The undevelopable portions of the newly purchased properties will be incorporated into the Siuslaw Estuary Trail and provide additional public open space.

The property is located within Old Town District Area C, which has permitted uses including, but not limited to:

- Lodging - Hotels, Motels
- Restaurants & Cafes
- Office Space
- Retail Sales
- Residential - Mixed Use, Multi-Family, Townhouses, Duplexes
- Parks and Open Spaces

Full details on the zoning regulations for this property, including permitted and conditional uses, can be found at Florence City Code Title 10 Chapter 17: Old Town District on the City's website at www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-code.

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BOOK CLUB - Stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen & Mary Steenburgen! PG-13 104 MIN - "Laugh-packed comedy aims to address the desire for intimate companionship in older adults, an increasingly topical issue as more Americans live into their nineties."	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM
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PAINTER'S SERIES: VAN GOGH: A NEW WAY OF SEEING		12:00 PM					
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: MACBETH 200 MIN						6:00 PM	

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