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Oregon, at one time a national leader in recycling and reusing materials, has suffered serious setbacks in the last year in the state's recycling efforts. These setbacks can be attributed, in large part, to the dramatic changes instituted by the Chinese government as to the type of waste materials that the country would accept from America.

The Eugene City Council has taken a proactive approach to dealing with these changes, working with local waste haulers and citizens groups to craft a viable plan to address the communities desire to reuse materials.

The subject of recycling was an area of intense discussion at the May 21 Florence City Council meeting. The debate eventually resulted in changes to what city residents can recycle and what they will now pay for that service.

As of July 1, there will be a three percent increase in fees for solid waste removal. This increase was one percent less than the increase recommended by the consultant hired by the city to determine an equitable removal fee.

The city council also choose to disregard the recommen-

dation made by the Environmental Management Advisory Committee, which also supported a higher increase in fees, mostly due to dramatically increased fuel and personnel costs.

EMAC Chairwoman Maureen Miltenberger said she was disappointed in the process that led to the minimal increase for local haulers.

"All of the members of EMAC have taken our task of solid waste rate review very seriously. Since the beginning of the year we have spent hours listening to Chris Bell's and staff's recommendations. We have gone into executive sessions where we reviewed the financial information of our two haulers who provide this necessary service to our community," Miltenberger said.

She went on to say that the committee realizes the role that EMAC plays in the council's deliberations and believes that community input is essential for a responsive and transparent rate increase process.

"We decided on the four percent increase as a compromise that our citizens could afford and that was fair, but just barely enough for our haulers to be able to pay their employees a livable wage. Can they do that on a three present wage in-

crease? Based on the information we were provided, I don't think they can."

While there remains some uncertainty in the minds of the public as to what can be recycled, there are some clear-cut guidelines that can be followed for many waste materials.

Can be recycled:

- Glass and bottles can be recycled. Many can be redeemed for cash.
- Steel, tin and aluminum cans can all be recycled.
- Paper and cardboard can be recycled. This includes junk mail, newspapers, ad inserts, phone books, paper bags, cardboard egg containers and corrugated cardboard.
- Milk jugs and transparent plastic drink bottles.

Cannot be recycled:

- All other plastic
- Light bulbs
- Aerosol cans and scrap metal
- Take out containers
- Shredded paper
- Metal lids

The rate change that takes effect on July 1 will also add a surcharge of 75 cents per cart for residential and commercial customers and a 65-cent per ton charge for bin customers.

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"Steve knew that if the flag program was to expand they needed more volunteers and an organization with a large membership to aggressively build the program," Lori continued.

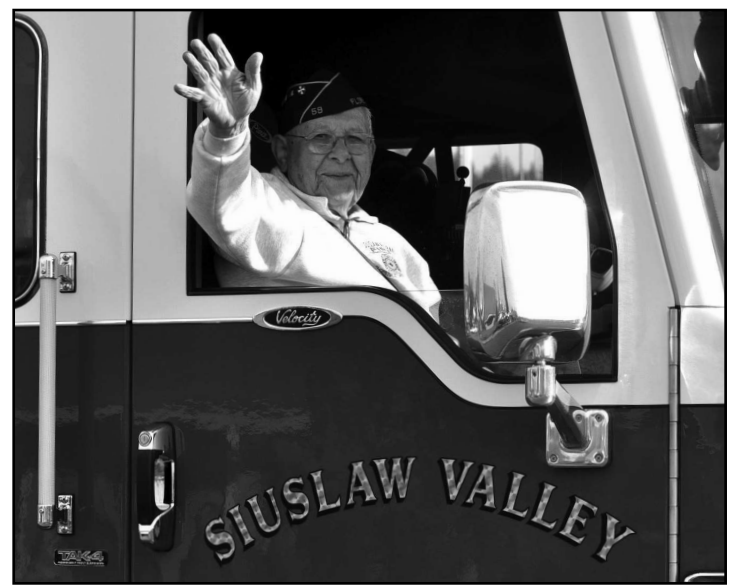
Steve recalls proudly the time last August when a Coast Guard Regional Commander came to visit Florence during the Coast Guard City designation process. The commander told the crowd he was inspired and impressed to see so many U.S. flags up and flying in Florence.

"I knew I was coming into a special place when I saw those American flags flying," U.S. Coast Guard 13th District Commander Rear Admiral David Throop said.

This year, Steve's team will include two of Florence's young people, Casey Kawahara and Claire Waggoner. The inclusion of a younger generation in the work done to display the flags and receiving the appreciation that results from the effort are also part of the lesson that the Olienyks — and Kiwanis — wants to share.

"I want our youth to feel a part of this service project, to encourage a love of country and a sense of pride in their flag and our community," Steve said.

Proceeds from the sponsorship of the flags fund community projects throughout the year. Scholarships and academic support are strong areas of emphasis for the local chapter of the Kiwanians.



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Veteran Steve Olienyk enjoys supporting The Kiwanis Club of Florence Oregon's Flag Program, as he has since it began.

"It's a win-win situation: the community likes to see the flags go up and the money we raise helps support beneficial projects for local citizens," Steve said.

Today the flag program is coordinated by Kiwanian Gary Vawter and a dedicated group of volunteers that put out the flags along Highway 101 and in Old Town.

Vawter and members of the Florence Kiwanis Club have a number of other fundraising events they oversee during the year, including a new golf tournament, held this year on Saturday, June 23 at Ocean Dunes Golf Links.

The local group is also

known for its Great Duck Race, which "sells" and releases hundreds of yellow ducks onto the Siuslaw River, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities over the past decade.

When asked to sum up his work on the flag project for the last 40 years, Steve said, "As a World War II veteran, I hope when people see those flags waving in the wind on a sunny day, they'll take a moment to remember the veterans who fought for our freedoms."

"I want us to have a sense of gratitude for the opportunities this great country has afforded us."

First Baptist plans VBS June 25-29

First Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School (VBS) for youth ages 5 years to sixth-grade the week of June 25 to 29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

VBS will be held at the church, 1935 25th St., in Florence.

The theme will be "Game On!" There will be a registration tailgate party on Saturday, June 16, from noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 541-997-7660 or visit www.firstbaptistflorence.org.

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