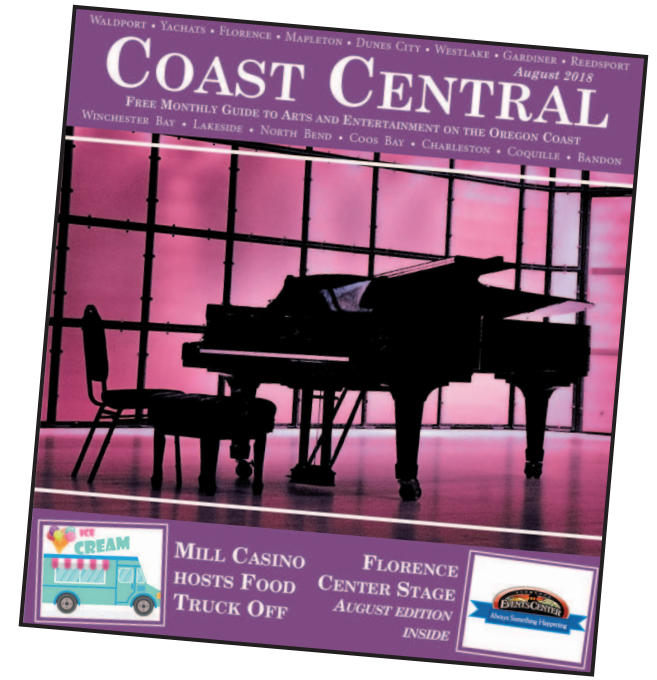


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Duty chief truck provides command capabilities

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New Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue vehicle improves emergency response options

The challenges facing first responders are numerous and often dangerous. One of the ways that Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) tries to minimize the dangers faced by its personnel is to provide the latest in training techniques and up to date equipment for department members.

That is the main reason for the recent purchase of a new, well-equipped vehicle for the use of the department's assigned duty chiefs. SVFR's new vehicle is a red Ford F-250 Heavy Duty Truck with SVFR graphics and upgraded suspension,

electronics and lighting packages. SVFR Chief Director Jim Langborg believes the position of duty chief is critical to providing the best response to incidents of all types, and the new vehicle will assist greatly in that effort.

"Duty chiefs provide 24-hour-a-day coverage, leadership and incident command," Langborg said. "Currently, we have six people that are qualified for that job. Two are career staff — myself and Chief Jim Dickerson — and we have four volunteers who are also qualified."

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SVFR's new duty chief vehicle, a red Ford F-250 Heavy Duty Truck with upgraded suspension, electronics and lighting packages, comes fully equipped to handle most emergencies that the fire department may face.

Lane County Parks to unveil master plan

Division to visit Florence for community feedback, review

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The Lane County Parks Division is in the process of unveiling its new Parks Master Plan over the next few weeks. The division will be traveling to cities across the county to garner community feedback and allow citizens to review the final plan. Representatives will be coming to Florence on Thursday, Aug. 2, to receive community input from the Siuslaw region.

The 88-page master plan, which has been in development for years, is the first plan since 1980. It will be a guidepost on how the county maintains and invests in the parks for the next two decades.

"Because we have so many parks and our infrastructure is older, we need to have a strategic vision prioritizing our capital improvements," said Charlie Conrad, Lane County parks supervising analyst. "How are we going to maintain the assets that we have now? How are we going to improve and develop them? Some of that comes down to strategies and get a full accounting of what we have and what condition it is in."

The divisions accounting, as well as multiple community meetings throughout the past few years, led to the final drafter of the master plan.

The plan consists of six goals: Collaborate, connect, create vibrancy, generate economic vitality, protect resources and reflect our values. Each goal has around 10 strategies.

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CITY UPDATES FLORENCE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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The City of Florence's Florence Realization 2020 Comprehensive Plan is now more comprehensive thanks to Ordinances 10 and 11, Series 2018, which amended and added language concerning housing, economic development and tsunami mitigation. Florence City Council passed the ordinances July 14 after public hearings and the recommendations of city staff and the Planning Commission.

City Planning Director Wendy FarleyCampbell presented the items

to the council.

Ordinance No. 10 amended the Comprehensive Plan's Chapter 9: Economic Development and Chapter 10: Housing Opportunities, to address housing and economic development, address current trends and strengthen the local economy.

According to FarleyCampbell, the economic development chapter is almost a complete rewrite.

The city's new economic development goal now reads, "To promote economic development through proactive

jobs yielding family income, while working with public, nonprofit and private partners to build a place that attracts and keeps talent."

"These recommended changes have to do more with specific direction within various categories of economic development," FarleyCampbell said. "Not just hitting on job creation, but hitting on financing or a lot of different policies the coun-

cil has the opportunity to address for our community. It's not just going to be about zone changes. ... It's really going to be more about support and partnership with different agencies, and really getting us there to be a player."

The city will also continue to promote tourism by adding "eco-tourism" as an anchor tourism destination, along with golf resorts, water and sand related recreational opportunities, galleries and dining and shopping.

Other changes in the economic development sections included workforce development and recruitment.

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"This is the kick-off to get those code amendments changed, setting the course for that. By adding these policies, you support a lot of actions that you as the council have indicated you would like to tackle through the work plan."

— Wendy FarleyCampbell
Planning Director, City of Florence

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