

## SEacoast presents Ken Lavigne's Christmas Roadshow

SEacoast Entertainment launches the holiday season with Ken Lavigne on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. This concert will be the icing on the cake — or the star on the top of the tree — following the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Historic Old Town Florence at 5:30 p.m.

The Ken Lavigne Christmas Musical Roadshow is an enchanting holiday musical tour through the golden age of radio.

"I want this Christmas to feel like we're shaking up the champagne bottle and popping the cork," enthuses Lavigne.

The desire to turn a concert into a celebration has evolved from the earliest days of his Christmas performances, when he had to do much of the production and promotion on his own.

"I had to do a mental trick and say to myself, this is a party you're throwing and you're just inviting people to come and be part of the fun."

Lavigne started his shining solo career in 2008. As an all-around entertainer he invites the audience into his life with his luscious, silken voice.

He has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, toured across North America, released three CDs and worked



with such musical luminaries as David Foster.

He loves sharing his stories in the Christmas spirit, which is all about joy.

Tickets are on sale now at the Florence Events Center Box Office or at Seacoast.org. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for students under the age of 18.

Lavigne will give a preconcert talk at 6:15 p.m., following a special performance of holiday favorites during the

Florence Holiday Festival and the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Historic Old Town Florence at 5:30 p.m.

This tree lighting event is sponsored by the City of Florence and Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and is free to the community.

Seacoast Entertainment Association is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which has been bringing entertainment to the Oregon Coast since 1980.

## Bell ringers kick off annual Red Kettle Drive today

The call has gone out to Salvation Army veteran bell ringers and new volunteer bell ringers to grab their Santa hats and bells and get ready to get those bells ringing.

Those interested are welcome to meet Saturday, Nov. 17, at Florence Municipal Airport Hanger 20E, where Sam Spayd and Salvation Army volunteers will be kicking off this year's Kettle fund drive with spiced beverages, Christmas cheer and a rousing toast for a banner year.

Last year, the Salvation Army kettles in Florence raised over \$27,000 under Spayd's supervision of 104 local bell ringers. According to Spayd, 90 percent of all money collect-

ed stays in the community and supports those in need through a voucher system.

In the last few years, local community members were often surprised to find a friend or neighbor perched by a kettle in front of Safeway, Bi-Mart, Fred Meyer or Grocery Outlet.

"It made the experience great fun to see the surprise in a friend's face when they recognized me," one volunteer said.

This year's kickoff event is from 4 to 6 p.m. Volunteers will be available to directly

"Come and find out what we can accomplish together," Spayd said. "I'm looking forward to see who signs up to ring the bell this year."

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## FRAA artist Don Mathis exhibits at OPB in November

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) has announced that the artwork of local artist Don Mathis is being exhibited at Oregon Pacific Bank in Florence during the month of November.

Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Mathis has lived in Florence for nearly 40 years.

He describes himself as "a self-taught mixed media artist who has dabbled in everything from colored pencil, oils and acrylics to woodwork, leatherwork and wire-wrapped jewelry." Mathis is a member artist

at Backstreet Gallery on Bay Street, as well as FRAA Art Center and Gallery on Maple Street, and his artwork can be viewed regularly at both locations.

His work has also been on display at Florence Chamber of Commerce, Siuslaw Public Library, Florence Events Center and PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

His work covers a broad spectrum and may be abstract, linear, realistic or experimental.

"My art is inspired by a lifetime of unique experiences," he said.

## Help contribute to Florence by serving on a city committee

Would you like to see more public involvement in the City of Florence to make sure your voice is heard? Would you like to make a difference and help contribute to the goals and objectives of the City as a whole?

At the Nov. 5 Florence City Council meeting, the council elected to amend its committee structures to allow for more opportunities for citizens to get engaged in projects that interest them.

"City committees work tirelessly to provide much needed volunteer time to keep many of the City's programs functioning at a lev-

el that would be impossible without their services," states City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese.

City Committees generally meet once per month as a group.

People interested in positions should expect to attend recurring meetings and devote time for study of issues and performance above and beyond meeting attendance.

Volunteer time is vital in working towards solutions to local government issues.

If you are interested in serving your city and getting

involved, consider applying for one of the open positions on one of the City's committees.

The following boards and committees are currently filling vacancies for varying term lengths, with positions set to begin on February 1, 2019.

- Planning Commission
- Budget Committee
- Community & Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Management Advisory Committee
- Public Arts Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Audit Ad-Hoc Committee

The deadline for applications is Dec. 31.

Applying for a position is easy. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) and are available at the Florence Public Works Facility (2675 Kingwood Street) during regular business hours.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of these bodies, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths, or any other questions, contact Weese at 541-997-3437 or via email at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).

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