

Handbell choir to perform Dec. 23

The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw Handbell Choir will be playing during the Sunday, Dec. 23 service, which begins at 10 a.m.

The choir will be playing the “Ukrainian Bell Carol” and will be accompanying the choir on “Once in Royal David’s City” on consecutive Sundays.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments during the fellowship hour following the service.

City of Florence recruiting for EMAC positions

Several of Florence’s committees and commissions have open positions for area volunteers.

Sustaining and improving the City of Florence’s livability and quality of life is Goal 2 of the City of Florence Work Plan. The Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) realizes Goal 2 by developing local strategies and advising Florence City Council on protecting the city’s health and environment and conserving its energy and natural resources.

The committee is responsible for regulating the solid waste code, ensuring compliance with DEQ recycling education requirement and serving as the city’s Tree Board.

EMAC is comprised of 11 citizen members and additional ex-officio non-voting members. The city is recruiting applicants to fill five openings for voting positions on the committee.

EMAC generally meets once per month as a group. Persons interested 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 the Florence community and getting involved, consider applying for one of the open positions on EMAC. The deadline for applications is Dec. 31.

Positions are set to begin on Feb. 1, 2019.

Applying for a position is easy. Applications can be downloaded from the City’s website at www.ci.florence.or.us and are available at the Florence Public Works Facility, 2675 Kingwood St., during regular business hours.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of EMAC, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths or any other questions, contact City Recorder / Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

Longest Night, Blue Christmas Service to be held Friday

The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw will hold a Longest Night/Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, in the church Sanctuary.

The name comes from the season, as Dec. 21 is the winter solstice and will be the longest night of the year.

This is also sometimes known as a Blue Christmas Service, describing the feeling that a number of us have during this season.

In the long, dark winter nights, memories of past experiences and the pain of present circumstances can become overwhelming.

For some, the Christmas season is a difficult time. Some may be grieving the loss of a

loved one, struggling with illness or dealing with other losses.

This will be a service of wholeness and healing. Those looking for comfort, hope, wholeness and renewal are welcomed and invited; as well as anyone wishing to share in an intimate, contemplative service using scriptures, readings, meditations, hymns and Taizé music.

In a small worship center surrounded by chairs, participants may light candles for prayers. Rev. Greg Wood will lead the service.

The church is located at 3996 Highway 101 in Florence. For more information, call the church office at 541-997-7136.

Passionate about art in Florence? Apply to serve on Public Arts Committee

The Public Arts Committee is now accepting applications for new members.

The Public Arts Committee is gearing up to have its most impactful year yet, with two large-scale pieces projected to be installed in 2019.

Anyone who enjoys art or would like to be a part of a group that is creating an enduring art influence in Florence is encouraged to apply.

The Public Arts Committee (PAC) generally meets on the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

Attendance at one to two subcommittee meetings a month as scheduled is also required.

Persons 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.

“This is a chance to create lasting change and get involved in the blossoming art community here in Florence at the ground level,” said Harlen Springer, Public Arts Committee chairperson.

Anyone interested in serving the city and getting involved should consider applying for one of the open positions on one of the City of Florence’s many committees.

The deadline for applications is Monday, Dec. 31.

New members will begin their service term on Feb. 1, 2019.

Applying for a position is easy. Applications can be downloaded from www.ci.florence.or.us and are available at the Florence Public Works Facility, 2675 Kingwood St., during regular business hours.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of committee members, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths, or any other questions, contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or via email at Kelli.Weese@ci.florence.or.us.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

December 19th, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted by the City Public Works Director or Directors' designee at the City of Florence, 2675 Kingwood Street, Florence, Oregon 97439; the time of the bid receipt will be recorded by either official. Acceptance of bids will be officially closed at **2:00 PM** Pacific Time: **January 24th, 2019** and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read in the conference room of the Public Works Operations Center.

The City of Florence is requesting qualified Contractors to submit bids on the CITY OF FLORENCE HIGHWAY 101 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS. The project generally consists of the following work: 3,360 linear feet of 12-inch diameter PVC sanitary main pipe, ten 8-inch diameter PVC sanitary sewer laterals, ten 6-inch diameter sanitary sewer laterals, sixteen 48-inch diameter sanitary sewer manholes, and two connections to existing sanitary sewer facilities.

The schedule for the work is time-sensitive and the Contractor is expected to be prepared to begin construction by February 18th, 2019. The work shall be substantially complete by June 28, 2019 (130 calendar days).

The bid proposal shall be submitted under sealed cover and marked with the Contractor's name and following project:

CITY OF FLORENCE
HIGHWAY 101 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
CITY PROJECT NO. WW 17-03

All proposals must be submitted on the regular forms furnished and shall be accompanied by an unconditional certified check or bidder's bond in an amount equivalent to five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder who will be asked to furnish a **separate** 100% Corporate Surety Performance Bond and a **separate** 100% Payment Bond for the faithful performance of the contract. **The Contractors may be asked to have their Surety furnish a letter certifying they have currently reviewed the Contractor's financial statement and that the Contractor is financially sound prior to award.**

Complete digital contract documents are available at <http://www.rh2.com> under the Bidding tab. The complete digital contract documents may be downloaded for a \$15.00 non-refundable fee by inputting the QuestCDN project **#6051833** on the website. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An informational copy of the contract documents is on file for inspection at the City of Florence office. All prospective bidders must provide a valid e-mail address and be added to the Plan Holders List by downloading the documents from www.questcdn.com. Notification of Addenda issuance will be issued via e-mail to the addresses listed on the Plan Holders List. Bid results will be made available on the city's website.

Technical questions regarding the project should be directed to [Tyler Duncan, PE](mailto:Tyler.Duncan_PE@rh2.com) at 541-665-5233 ext. 5413, tduncan@rh2.com.

This is for public work and therefore subject to prevailing wage requirements of ORS 279C.800 thru 279C.870. A subcontractor listing **is required and shall be** submitted with the bid. If the subcontractor listing is not submitted with the bid, it must be received within two (2) hours after the bid closing time and date at the City of Florence, 2675 Kingwood Street, Florence, OR 97439 to the attention of Mike Miller (facsimile is acceptable) at 541-590-4017. Failure to supply a correct subcontractor listing will result in bid rejection.

Request for specification changes must be made a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the proposal receipt date. Protests of bid results must be in writing, must be made within five (5) days of the posted award date, and must otherwise be in accordance with City Public Contracting Rule 137-049-0260.

The City may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may, for good cause, reject all bids upon a finding by the City of Florence if it is in the public interest to do so in accordance with **ORS 279C.395**.

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