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The event will include a luncheon and silent auction as a fundraiser for the newly formed non-profit housing alliance, “Heart of the Coast.”

The group Florence OR-ganizes (FOR) was formed

in the wake of the 2016 election and members have taken the lead in coordinating the local rally in support of many other Women’s Wave events being held this weekend. The debate surrounding the issues of sexually-oriented interactions continues to be a subject of

public discourse, adding to the many calls for increased respect for women on every level of society.

In this light, Nora Kent, one of the event coordinators, announced a late addition to Saturday’s schedule: Rep. Caddy McKeown, who will kick off the Women’s March at noon “... to help celebrate the increasing number of women who play an important role in promoting our democracy at the government level,” Kent said.

McKeown was re-elected in November as the State House Representative from District 9.

The Florence Senior Center will be the location of a luncheon, offered after the noon rally, with menu items donated by Los Amigos, Rosa’s, Dominos and Ixtapa.

There will be live music and dancing at the center after lunch and attendees will be encouraged to bid on a number of silent auction items and contribute for the food and entertain-

ment.

The funds raised during the afternoon events will be donated to “Heart of the Coast,” which hopes to make an improvement in the housing shortage in Florence.

Eric Hauptman is a member of the Florence Planning Commission and is heading up the “Heart of the Coast Housing Alliance” (HCHA), which has incorporated recent changes in the city building codes into the group’s business model.

“HCHA’s plan is to market the advantages of the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) to homeowners in our target area. The Florence City Council has addressed the building of ADUs by fast tracking applications, as well as waiving system development charges,” Hauptman said.

The 2019 Women’s Wave will begin Jan. 19 at noon at the Florence United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood St., and continue at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

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“It’s a project that has been ongoing through the past couple of years through management changes and other things that got it put off,” Huntington said.

It was a long road to get to this point.

When the damage first occurred, disagreements occurred on how complex the final fix would be, and how it should be funded. What caused the damage was also of concern, whether the damage came suddenly from the river water, or if it happened slowly over time. It turned out both were factors in the cause.

After an initial agreement on how the project should move forward, funding went through multiple delays. First, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) put a hold on emergency relief due to hurricanes in September 2017. Then there were further questions regarding who actually owned the property, and a lot line adjustment had to be made, moving the project more to the west. Because of this, some of the plans had to be redrawn and resubmitted.

However, through that time the major concern of the project, cost, was alleviated. Originally, the port was tasked with paying 25 percent of the \$225,000 project, with FEMA footing the rest of the bill.

“But since that time, we received 100 percent of the funds,” Huntington said. “Business Oregon is covering the matching for it through its special public works fund, and so now the whole project is 100 percent funded for us.”

Fixing the erosion is just one of many major long-term projects Huntington has helped shepherd through in the past year, including replacing the sign for Mo’s Restaurant, replacing decks on the gangway and installing gates on the port’s docks.

“It’s actually caused a lot of people to want to be in the marina because of the security gates,” Huntington said. “We’ve had more people want to get in there.”

For possible future projects, Huntington listed replacing the bulkhead, securing funds for dredging and creating public committees to look at other projects the port could take on.



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