

On The Record

Spring outdoor burning season is now open

The Lane County spring outdoor burning season opened March 1 for certain areas in Lane County.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) will issue daily outdoor burning advisories with start and stop times for outdoor burning. The spring burning season will conclude in June.

LRAPA regulates outdoor burning, also known as open or backyard burning, allowing some Lane County residents to burn dry woody yard debris that was generated on their own residential property.

Rules concerning outdoor burning differ throughout the county. Outdoor burn-

ing is always prohibited inside the city limits of Eugene and Florence as well as on lots smaller than 0.5 acres inside Springfield Urban Growth Boundary and City Limits. Burning is also prohibited on lots smaller than 2 acres inside the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary.

With the recent snow storm's woody debris and downed trees, there may be more fuel than typical burn seasons. The agency asks people to pile the woody debris and keep it dry until ready for burning or explore alternatives instead of burning. Hauling, composting, or wood chipping will help keep spring air quality clean.

Burn piles cannot smolder overnight.

Residents should check local ordinances and contact local fire districts regarding restrictions and permits before burning.

LRAPA's advisory is updated daily on the website at 7 p.m. for the following day. Lane County residents can call LRAPA's Outdoor Burning Advisory Line at 541-726-3976. Coastal residents can call 541-997-1757 for burn advisories.

Residents who are in areas that allow burning must be aware that burning only woody yard debris generated on their property is allowed. All fires must be attended to

and completely extinguished by times determined by LRAPA.

Please practice fire safety and keep water handy at all times. A first offense violation of LRAPA's outdoor burning rules may result in a \$500 fine.

Residents can dispose of yard debris by taking it to Lane County transfer sites (541-682-4120), Lane Forests Products at 541-345-9085 or Rexius at 541-342-1835.

For more information, please visit www.lrapa.org or call 541-736-1056.

OBITUARY

SHOUN—On March 7, 2019, Ellen Shoun beloved sister, mother and grandmother passed away on her 65th birthday.

Ellen was born March 7, 1954, to Edward and Roberta Reid. She was the oldest of eight children.

Ellen earned her bachelor of nursing degree from

University of Nebraska. She worked as a nurse for many years until retiring from Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence.

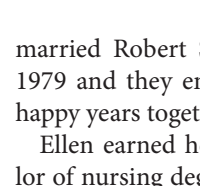
She was known for her infectious smile, sassy wit and silly sense of humor.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by seven siblings; her daughter, Mary; stepson Steve; and her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday March 23, at 11 am.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Shoun



Dunes City currently seeking Budget Committee volunteers

Dunes City is looking for volunteers to fill four vacancies on Dunes City's Budget Committee. Dunes City is accepting applications for two vacancies with a term ending date of June 30, one vacancy with a term ending date of June 30, 2020, and one vacancy with a term ending date of June 30, 2021.

All applicants must be Dunes City residents.

The budget committee

meets a few times in the spring to review and, if necessary, revise the proposed budget fiscal year before it is formally adopted by the City Council.

The committee also meets quarterly to review budgeted and actual expenditures and revenue.

To apply, applicants must complete an Appointive Office Application form available at Dunes City Hall

or from the City's website www.dunescity.com/permits-and-information.

Applications can be delivered to Dunes City Hall at 82877 Spruce Street in Westlake, mailed to PO Box 97, Westlake OR 97493, or emailed to recorder@dunescityor.com.

For more details about the duties and responsibilities of budget committee members, call Dunes City Hall at 541-

997-3338.

There is no cutoff date for submitting applications, but applications could be considered at the Dunes City Council meeting following submission of the application.

Applicants will be notified of the date the city council will consider applications and should plan to attend that meeting.

POLICE

March 8

• Criminal mischief was reported on the 2900 block of Oak Street.

• Accident, without injury, was reported on the first block of Quince Street.

• Arrest was reported on the 900 block of Highway 101.

• Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 1000 block of Highway 101.

March 9

• Accident, without injury, was reported on the 2000 block of Highway 101.

• Harassment was reported on the 87700 block of Rhododendron Drive.

• Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 1000

block of Highway 101.

• Assault was reported on the 1800 block of Oak Street.

March 10

• Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 1500 block of 12th Street.

• Escape was reported on the 400 block of Ninth Street.

• Accident, with injury, was reported at milepost 14 on Highway 101.

• Theft was reported on the 2300 block of Oak Street.

March 11

• Dispute was reported on the 87600 block of Highway 101.

• Dispute was reported on the 4000 block of Highway 101.

Avoid 'distracted walking' by keeping head up, phone down

Distracted driving is a well-established problem; so much so, that many states, including Oregon, currently have bans in place when it comes to using technology while driving.

But the problem of distracted walking is a relatively new one. Each year, more and more people are injured as a result of texting, talking or listening to music while on their cell phones.

While some might laugh at the person who falls into the fountain while texting or the one who walks into a wall while texting, the problem of distracted

walking is a very real and serious one.

The city of Honolulu, Hawaii, is the first major U.S. city to ban "distracted walking." It recently passed a law carrying a fine for a pedestrian crossing a street or highway while viewing a mobile electronic device. A few other cities are watching and taking inspiration from this.

According to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,977 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 85,000 injured in traffic collisions in the United States in 2017.

That's one death every 1.6 hours and an injury every 6 minutes. While it's not clear how many of these are a direct result of distracted walking, the total rate of pedestrian fatalities compared to overall road deaths is increasing each year.

Hospitals are seeing people who were injured seriously enough to seek medical attention at the emergency room as a result of texting and walking, and at increasing numbers each year. It's not just texting while walking that's a problem. Talking, checking email, using social networking apps and even

playing games all contribute to the problem of distracted pedestrians.

The solution to distracted walking is a fairly simple one: do not use your cell phone or engage in other distracting activities while walking. Focus solely on the task at hand — getting from point A to point B in one piece and worry about checking in once you've safely arrived. That text or email can wait. Ensure you cross the road at crosswalks or signalized intersections and obey your traffic signals as well.

Take the lead in your own safety, and remember: Heads up, phones down.

Dunes Memorial Chapel

servicing Florence and the surrounding area

"Our Family, Serving Your Family"

Burial & Cremation Service • Onsite Crematory
Columnbarium Spaces • Pre-need Planning
Serving Lane, Douglas and Coos County

Dunes Memorial Chapel
2300 Frontage Road, Reedsport, Oregon 97467 • 541-271-2822

SEACOAST ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

Derwish

Wednesday, March 20th • 7:00 pm
Pre-concert talk 6:15 pm

RESERVED SEATING TICKETS: \$35 + YOUTH/STUDENTS UNDER 18: \$10
FLORENCE EVENTS CENTER BOX OFFICE, 715 QUINCE STREET
541.997.1994 BUY TICKETS ONLINE WWW.SEACOASTE.A.ORG

2019 Rhododendron Festival Court

Introducing

Princess Adrienna Sneddon

Sponsored by:

Coronation: Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30 pm

FlorenceEvents Center 541-997-1994
Tickets \$13 Adults, \$9 Students
eventcenter.org