

Instacart Grocery Shopping and Delivery Service now in Florence

Instacart, a full-service shopping and delivery service, is now operating and servicing Florence, Ore., and surrounding areas. Instacart is an American company that operates as a same-day grocery delivery service.

Customers select groceries through a web application from various retailers and the order is delivered by a personal shopper in as little as 1 hour.

By March 2017, Instacart serviced 36 markets, composed of 1,200 cities in 25 US states, and now markets in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada.

“In the 21st century, our lives are very busy and shopping for groceries is a necessity,” said Alan Clabaugh.

“This service benefits everyone who can use this service to save some time that can be used to spend with family, such as busy moms, busy dads, seniors, people who live in isolated areas, shut ins, tourists or anyone who can benefit from a service like this.”

The Instacart service has also created new jobs in Florence. Instacart Shoppers are independent contractors who live and operate in the area.

“Stay in your comfort zone and let us do your grocery shopping for you,” Clabaugh said.

There is same-day delivery to your door in about an hour. Promotions and more information are available on www.instacart.com.

NEDCO holds two financial wellness classes

Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) is offering two free Financial Wellness classes at the Siuslaw Public Library in the coming weeks. The events are free but advanced registration is required at nedcocdc.org/florence-classes.

On Saturday, April 27, is the “Financial Foundations Course” from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This first class is great for everyone to attend. Are you working to build more financial stability in your life?

Are you working towards a big financial goal? Financial Foundations is great course for you.

This all-day course covers the steps of:

- Knowing your financial picture.
- Building a budget.
- Saving for goals.
- Tackling debt.
- Planning for the future.
- Building your credit.

Then, on Saturday, May 4, attend the “ABCs of Homebuying” — great for people who want to become home-

owners in the next four months or four years. This class, also from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., builds on “Financial Foundations” and walks attendees through buying a home and how to save money in the process.

Does buying a home seem overwhelming? Learn tips to save money, reduce the stress of buying and find the right home for you.

This fast-paced eight-hour course, covers:

- Financial planning and credit prep.
- Shopping for a home.
- Finding an affordable mortgage.
- Opportunity for down payment assistance.
- Community Land Trust Opportunities.
- Protecting your investment long-term.

NEDCO is Oregon’s first community economic development non-profit with a mission to help individuals and communities build assets towards financial stability. For more info, visit www.nedcocdc.org.

‘It’s About Time’ for ‘Murder on the Oriental Rug’

Move over — or roll over — Agatha Christie! It’s About Time Productions is about to unveil a mystery dinner show that spoofs old-fashioned whodunits, the medical profession, “female problems” and theater folks with “Murder on the Oriental Rug.”

Penned by Tony Schwartz and Marylou Ambrose, the show is a play within a play. When half of the cast of “Murder on the Oriental Rug” bails out, the remaining performers are stuck playing all the roles. During the first act, you’ll meet a Shakespearean actor with a drinking problem, a washed-up former child star, a bimbo with a



On Saturday, April 27, find out who done it with the cast of “Murder on the Oriental Rug” during a murder mystery dinner at the Florence Elks Lodge.

short memory, and a hapless costumer who finds herself onstage — playing a man.

During the play within a play, you’ll visit the exclusive clinic of Dr. Charles Ovary, renowned hot flash specialist who’s secretly treating a famous actress trying desperately to regain her youth. You’ll get to know the doctor’s clueless wife, his passionate female protégé, the actress’s hunky husband, a flighty French maid, a shifty handyman and an inspector investigating the dead body on the Oriental rug.

Will the play make it to Broadway? Will the performers remember their lines? Will the Shakespearean actor fit into the maid’s costume? Will the chalk outline come out of the rug? Will the inspector solve the murder? Will another murder occur?

Before the evening’s over, someone else will be ruthlessly murdered, and it’s

up to the audience to solve the crime. Winners will be drawn from those who correctly guess the murderer and motive.

The curtain rises for one night only on Saturday, April 27, at the Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.

What can you expect from an audience participation murder mystery? Fun the minute you walk in the door! Doors open at 5:30 p.m., when you’ll get a chance to have a cocktail, if you desire, and mingle. At 6 p.m., attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner. The show starts after dinner, around 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$45. For information and reservations, call 541-999-9392 or 541-999-3027. Reservations must be made in advance.

Elk membership is not required.

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Corner of 9th & Kingwood
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2-Family Sale
Saturday Only 4/27
8am-4pm
2205/2225 52nd Street
Lots of items for women & men, tons of metal nostalgic & saying signs, huge NASCAR collection, large slab coffee table, Treadle Sewing Machine.

Fri. 4/26-Sat. 4/27
9am-5pm
87969 Lake Point Drive
The Reserve
Tools, Fishing, Hunting plus more!

Huge, Huge Sale
Fri.-Sat.
8:30am-5pm
Alley behind 2155 9th
Street off Tamarack.
Camping, fishing, tools, Treadmill, 54" TV, household items, Commercial Kitchen Aid Mixer.

Spring Cleanout!
Friday, April 26th
8am-4pm
4746 & 4742
Seabreeze Lane
Costume jewelry, furniture, housewares, garden tools, lamps, twin daybed, clothes & more!

Large Estate Sale
4/26-27, 9AM-3PM
Florentine Estates - use gate entrance at 35th and Hwy. 101. Attendant will provide directions. Gate access opens at 9am, sale will open at 9:15am. Liquidating estate on behalf of Trustee. Garage, RV barn & shop full of automotive, woodworking & garden tools; home stuffed with furniture, kitchen & household goods, linens, collectibles and decor. Excellent quality queen bed, dual leather recliner, large flat screen TV, dressers, office equipment, etc. This is a loaded sale! All sales are final. Local delivery available. Credit cards accepted. Absolutely NO ANIMALS in the house! No refunds or exchanges, all sales final & SOLD AS IS. We do not allow backpacks, large handbags, or re-useable grocery bags into our sales. Directions: HOA rules to not permit us to post the address of this home. From Hwy. 101, turn east on 35th Street (signal at Rite Aid) and go straight into Florentine Estates. Gate Attendant will provide you with flyer and directions. Follow signs to home. Park on sidewalk side of street only. View photos at www.CindyWobbeEstates.com.

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Thank you to all who came to the Jose Dela Mora Scholarship Fund Fundraiser!

Big thank you to Cross Road Church for all the help and support.

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‘Mamma Mia!’ — auditions for Last Resort Players begin Friday

Last Resort Players is announcing auditions for the musical “Mamma Mia!” in which the songs of ABBA are used to tell the tale of a young woman’s search for her birth father. The story unfolds on a Greek island on the eve of her wedding. She has invited three men to the wedding from her mother’s past, expecting to identify her father so he can walk her down the aisle. The rest is a rollicking musical with twists and turns as the truth unfolds.

Bringing back the successful directing team from Last Resort Players’ “Chicago The

Musical” in 2015, “Mamma Mia!” will be directed by David and Rosemary Lauria and produced by Dave Hansen and Paula Burnette. Music direction will be by Pat Sapp.

Auditions will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 26, 27 and 28, and invited callbacks will be held May 3, 4 and 5 at the Cross Road Assembly of God Church, 1380 10th St., in Florence, just north and west of the Siuslaw Public Library. Friday auditions and callbacks will be at 6:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday auditions and call backs will be at 1:30 p.m.

Further information and a fillable Audition Information Sheet are available at www.lrpproductions.org.

Auditions are open to anyone aged 12+, all ethnicities and body types.

Actors should bring with them an Audition Information Sheet, headshot and music. A pop song or even an ABBA song that best displays your vocal range and ability is acceptable. Look for bright, up-tempo numbers with lots of energy.

An accompanist will be available, but bring your own sheet music. A music track is acceptable but cannot contain lead vocals. A CD player and sound bar will be available. Also acceptable is an Android/Apple phone, iPod, computer track on a laptop, tablet or similar equipment with a 3’ cable. Bluetooth pairing will not be available.

“Mamma Mia!” will be performed at the Florence Events Center in November. Full rehearsals will start in September.

Whats missing from this picture?

You Are!

The Rhododendron Festival is only possible with your help, so what can you do?

Be in the Parade!

Want to be a star of the show? You can apply from now until April 29th to be in the parade. Download the application at florencechamber.com.

Kids can help too!

Banner Carriers needed. Participants get a free carnival pass! Ages 9 - 17, must be able to hold the banner for the whole parade (2 miles). Parental consent needed!

Volunteers needed!

The lifeblood of the event, we need your help for set up, take down, staging, directing traffic, and anything you can pitch in!

Email events@florencechamber.com, call (541) 997-3128 or go to the Visitor Center at 290 HWY 101 to sign up or if you have questions.