

New president elected at the Florence Garden Club's 70-year anniversary meeting

At the June meeting of the Florence Garden Club, members celebrated the club's 70-year anniversary, accepted the retirement of President Karen Childs and voted in a new president, Phyllis Beauchamp.

Having the difficult task of following a predecessor who held the office for 15 years, Childs served as club president from 2015 to 2019. Among the projects she initiated are installing a website with how-to videos, introducing new monthly educational topics, expanding scholarships to include LCC students and identifying new fundraising opportunities.

Incoming president Beauchamp served as vice-president from 2018-19 and has been a gardener most of her life. Her gardening education was handed down to her from her grandparents. Being a new-



(Left) Florence Garden Club President Phyllis Beauchamp takes over from outgoing president Karen Childs during the club's 70th anniversary celebration.

comer to Florence, she is serving as president as a way to give back to the organization that provided information about living on the coast, as well as many new friends.

The Garden Club meets every second Wednesday from September to June with educational speakers at each meeting. Meetings are held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

New members are welcome and the public is free to attend the educational programs.

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already been shared by SVFR and WLAD for quite some time, though the agreement officially codifies the practices.

Per the agreement, "The Contracting Parties hereby delegate to the Authority the power, duty and responsibility to maintain, operate, manage and control all fire and rescue and EMS activities, equipment, resources and all property of the Contracting Parties, including without limitation, the operation and management of all fire and ambulance stations, land, buildings and firefighting equipment, to employ or manage the necessary personnel and to do any and all other things necessary or desirable to provide continued efficient and economical Services to all persons and property with-

in the combined territories of the Contracting Parties."

WLFEA will have the power to make and enter into contracts for goods, services and related items. However, the power is limited. For example, if a contract is more than \$10,000, approval will have to be obtained by both SVFR and WLAD, which will continue to remain separate taxing agencies with their own boards.

WLFEA will primarily employ administrative staff, including Office Manager Dina McClure, three administrative assistants and five coordinated services team members.

It would also officially have hiring and firing authority on Fire and EMS Chief Michael Schick, SVFR Operations Chief James Dickerson and WLAD Operations Chief

Matt House.

The new agency would not collect additional tax dollars from the public, instead being funded by SVFR and WLAD.

"The Contracting Parties agree that, during the first year of the Authority's existence, WLAD shall pay 51 percent of the Authority's costs and SVFR shall pay 49 percent," the agreement read. The one percent discrepancy exists because the WLFEA will be housed in SVFR's main building, located at 2625 Highway 101. The one percent will pay for the use of the copier, electricity and other administrative needs that will arise from the new organization.

SVFR and WLAD's Intergovernmental Agreement Committee will meet publicly on Thursday, July 25, at 3 p.m. to prepare for the second reading of the or-

dinance, which is expected to have its final vote during the joining SVFR and WLAD Aug. 22 meeting.

A copy of the ordinance, and a full description of the agency, can be found at svfr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/July-17-2019-Joint-Board-Meeting-Packet.pdf

In other news from Wednesday night's meeting, five newly elected board members were sworn into their positions.

For WLAD, incumbent Cindy Russell and new board member John Murphy were sworn in. The board voted unanimously to keep Rick Yecny as WLAD's board president, and elected Larry Farnsworth as vice president.

"My plan is to serve this one more year, and hopefully we'll continue to bring on new people to take the

lead role," Yecny said.

For SVFR, new board members Sam Spayd and James Palisi took the oath of office, as did Alan Burns, who took over for former board member Woody Woodbury earlier in the year.

"Thank you for all your years of service, it was very much appreciated," Farnsworth told Woodbury, who was sitting in the audience.

"Thank you, I enjoyed it," Woodbury said.

Ron Green nominated Ned Hickson to be the board president of SVFR, and the board unanimously voted in approval.

Hickson then nominated Greene for vice president, saying, "Ron's done a great job, and I've learned a lot watching him. I'm extremely excited about this particular board, and the level of experience we have."

FUUF explores personal health plans with doctor

Sunday, July 21, from 10 to 11 a.m., Dr. Dean Schrock will deliver a message titled, "Creating Your Personal Health Plan" at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Schrock shares, "The creating starts with determining who you are and what makes your heart sing. This becomes a prescription for conducting your life and is

an important part of taking control of your health."

The fellowship is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible. Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service.

For more information, visit at www.florenceuuf.org.

Bahá'ís of Florence welcome Reed family of musicians

The Bahá'í of Florence Spiritual-Tea group invites the community to join them on Monday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St., as they welcome guests who will present a musical devotional and sing-along.

Among the guests are Dan and Kris Reed, longtime residents of Alaska, who have purchased the property where the Florence Farmer's Market is

held each Tuesday. In the future they plan to develop the property, but for now are happy to provide this service to the community.

The Reeds will be in Florence with some 20 family members and will have songbooks, musical instruments and a joyful spirit to share.

All are welcome, and there is no charge or request for donations. Refreshments will be served.

August VBS invites kids to join

Florence Christian Church at Second and Ivy streets, invites local children to ROAR Vacation Bible School.

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