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In 2017, Florence City Council passed Ordinance 12, which changed city code to phase in a complete ban on most, but not all, of the associated usages for PSFs within city limits.

The city has provided information at ci.florence.or.us to residents regarding the ban, which includes the following guidelines for the change: "The changes affect the sale and distribution of PSF containers for food, beverages, bait, and other uses. This means plates, bowls, clamshells, egg cartons, bait tubs and other containers are no longer permitted. Personal use of foam containers in your residence is allowed. Exceptions exist for coolers, ice chests and trays for raw meat and seafood intended for human consumption."

There have been a small number of waivers given by the city to retailers that have been unable to find allowed substitutes for PSF containers, but those exemptions were only good for a year and most are due to expire soon. This will force retailers to make the transition to either a paper-based container or eliminate the product from their inventory.

On Saturday, OSPIRG students from Southern Oregon University were joined by a few Florence residents, including envi-



PHOTO BY MIKE ALLEN

**Area residents joined OSPIRG members from Southern Oregon University for the Wildlife Over Waste River Cleanup at the South Jetty, where they unearthed all kinds of plastic but very little treasure.**

ronmental activists Mike and Pat Allen, who are frequent users of the trails and dunes at the South Jetty and strongly supported Florence's ban on PSF.

"In the space of two hours, each participant in our group of 11 picked up a bag of trash," Pat said. "The bags' contents ran the gamut from Styrofoam 'beads,' plastic bottles and bottle caps (both metal and plastic), to filled plastic 'doggie bags.' The sheer volume of small and micro-pieces of plastic found in the sand that don't biodegrade, as well as the incredible amount of cigarette butts (filters) that take years to biodegrade, was staggering."

According to Pat, the Allens joined the small, dedicated group at the South

Jetty because the damage being done to the area on a long-term basis needed to be addressed. It was also a way for the long-time couple to celebrate a special day.

"This weekend, Mike and I decided to celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary in an unusual way — we participated in the beach clean-up," she said. "After reading about the OSPIRG students in the Wednesday, Aug. 28, edition of the Siuslaw News, we decided to join these young people in their effort to bring attention to a statewide ban on single-use foam cups and take-out containers — much like the city of Florence has in place."

The trend towards banning PSF's in the state is

accelerating, with municipalities like Portland recently enacting a ban, but a statewide measure failed this June, when two Democrats joined all Republicans in the Senate with a "no" vote on the measure.

OSPIRG is a statewide student-run, student-funded, nonprofit working towards a greener, healthier, meaningful future. Chapters of OSPIRG currently meet at University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University and Lane Community College.

"The future belongs to young people," states the group's website. "It's up to us to dream it up and build the people power to make it a reality."

For more information, visit ospirgstudents.org.

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Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-5pm

### Classes, Workshops & Events

**FRAA Art Supplies Garage Sale**

Friday, September 13th, 11 am - 5 pm  
In conjunction with the City Wide Garage Sale, FRAA will join in the fun selling art supplies. Please come browse through the offerings and maybe pick up something new to try!

**2nd Saturday Gallery Tour Reception**

Saturday, Sept 14, 2019 3 pm - 5 pm  
September's Featured Artist is Patricia Williams, plain air and oil and watercolor painter, lamp work beads and fine filagree silver.

**NEW! Express Yourself in Acrylic with Mike Wood**

4 week class on Sundays, September 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 1 pm - 4 pm Mike will guide you through your masterpiece. Material list is available and supplies can be purchased at BeauxArts. Pre-registration req'd at FRAA.

**Next Art Change-Out Day**

Monday, September 9, 2019, 9-11 am  
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to help keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

**BRAND NEW CLASS and DATE!**

**Writers on the River - Creative Writing Workshop w/ Catherine Rourke**

Writers' Summer Boot Camp: Simple Steps for Better Writing  
Learn tips from the Amazon pros  
Sat., September 21, 2019 10 am - 12 noon  
All writing levels and genres, Contact: [CJReditor@gmail.com](mailto:CJReditor@gmail.com), 541-708-2120

**Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

**Poetry Workshop**

Small group meeting of poets to enhance their written word. Last Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm. Write [fraaoregon@gmail.com](mailto:fraaoregon@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

**Painting with John Leasure**

Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm  
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Contact: [jleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jleasure@hotmail.com) or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

For more information about classes, visit [fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org). To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our Art Center on Maple Street.