

Celebrate the season with OCHS's annual Christmas Store

For those who love the holidays, Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) has great news. This year, the beloved annual Christmas Store will be conveniently held at the OCHS Thrift Store and Boutique, located at 1193 Bay St., in Old Town Florence. And, even better, the sale will run for almost two full months instead of just the usual month of November.

In addition to a vast selection of Christmas- and holiday-themed items — including gifts, clothing, décor, kitchenware, decorations and more — OCHS will also offer daily specials. Regular special events, such as caroling and pet photos with Santa, are also planned. This year, the OCHS Christmas Store will offer daily enticements to keep Christmas-loving bargain hunters coming back and discovering new treasures and family heirlooms. “Our Christmas Store is a Florence tradition,” said Shauna Robbers, OCHS Board President. “We’re so excited that this year we’re able to offer a better-than-ever shopping experience. A dedicated team has been working on sorting and preparing holiday-themed merchandise for almost 10 months, and our inventory of quality items is quite exceptional.” The OCHS Thrift Store



OCHS Thrift Store and Boutique, located on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence, will hold the humane society's annual Christmas Store through Dec. 24.

and its Christmas Store are largely powered by volunteers.

OCHS Executive Director Mark Curran said, “Our volunteers are absolutely incredible. When we first discussed the idea of combining the two stores and doubling the number of sales days, naturally there were some concerns. But very quickly our volunteers have enthusiastically embraced this new approach and the added benefits the proceeds can bring to the homeless and at-risk dogs and cats in our community.”

Thrift store manager Lynne Dixon is excited for the new OCHS Christmas

Store design.

“We’ll have the opportunity to create a truly unique holiday experience in Florence,” she said. “We hope to see everyone shopping and enjoying the holidays here.”

The Christmas Store opened on Nov. 1 and will remain open, with daily shopping hours until Christmas Eve. The store will be open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with set-up, sales, special activities through the holidays or musical entertainment should contact shauna@or-

goncoasthumanesociety.org or call the store, 541-

997-5705.

The thrift store will continue to accept donations though this period, but anyone with a large donation is asked to call first to discuss.

Of course, the OCHS shelter will remain open everyday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and spay/neuter clinics will continue to be held in November and December.

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RAIN leads Florence Entrepreneur Activation Event Nov. 14

On Thursday, Nov. 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) is hosting the Florence Entrepreneur Activation Event.

Held four years after RAIN's first large event in Florence was hosted at City Lights, this free event seeks to celebrate local Florence entrepreneurs.

Are you an entrepreneur or an aspiring entrepreneur?

Do you have hard-earned advice to share with those starting their business?

Do you like to invent new products?

“If you can answer yes to any of the above questions, you should definitely attend the first ever free Florence Entrepreneur Activation Event,” said RAIN Coastal Venture Catalyst Ariel Ruben.

The community is invited to hear about how the City of Florence, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center at Lane Community College Florence Center and RAIN are supporting Florence entrepreneurs and startup companies.

During the event, local startups will deliver five-minute pitches about their companies and sea-

soned business owners will talk about why they love Florence.

In addition, learn how Oregon RAIN is providing free resources to local entrepreneurs and innovators — and learn how you can get involved in helping support startups in Florence.

Beer, wine and light fare will be served.

Although the event is free, registration is required through www.eventbrite.com/e/florence-entrepreneur-activation-event-tickets-73350077055.

For more information about RAIN's activities in Florence, visit www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast/.

WLCF 2020 grant applications now available

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) is pleased to announce the beginning of its 2020 grant cycle with the availability of its grant application.

The application can be found on its website located at wlcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for proj-

ects or programs in its target area of Western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services.

In 2019, over \$78,000.00 was awarded to several of these worthy causes.

Grant requests for the 2019 grant cycle will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2020.

The application may be downloaded at WLCF's website and it is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there.

People are asked to submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or to wlcfc@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

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