

Community News

Notice of Amended City of Florence Public Hearing Processes

Given recent executive orders from Governor Brown concerning the COVID-19 and social spacing requirements, the protocols for providing public input for the items above have been updated. Interested citizens who would like to view and listen to the Planning Commission meeting are strongly encouraged to do so via live broadcast on Cable Channel 191 or web broadcast (visit the meeting website at www.ci.florence.or.us/bc-pc/planning-commission-hearing-4 for access to the web broadcast link).

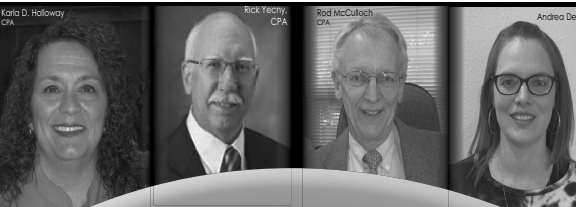
Those interested in providing testimony at the March 24 Planning Commission meeting may do so via one of the following methods:

1. Written Testimony: It is strongly encouraged that interested parties abstain from attending the meeting in person and provide testimony in writing prior to the meeting, by emailing testimony to planningdepartment@ci.florence.or.us. All written testimony received will be distributed to the Planning Commission and made part of the meeting record.

2. Participation via Conference Call: Should it be necessary to provide verbal testimony; it is recommended that interested parties participate via a conference call line. For information about this opportunity, including the call number, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese via phone at 541-997-3437, or via email at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

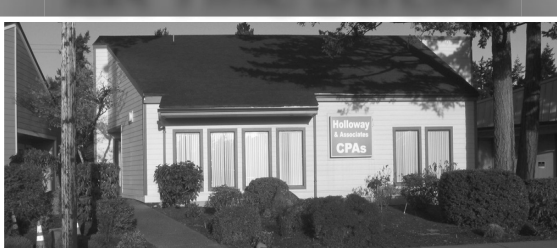
3. Participate in Person: Although it is strongly encouraged that people not attend the meeting in person, the opportunity will still exist to participate in the meeting at Florence City Hall. However, to protect safety and ensure social spacing only a limited number of audience members will be allowed to attend the meeting at any one time. Should it be necessary, opportunities to listen to the meeting will be provided for any necessary overflow areas. Please note that in person meeting attendance will be subject to applicable regulations in place at the time of the meeting, which are subject to change.

The City of Florence is committed to the safety and well-being of our community and staff. We appreciate our citizens patience during this time. For more information please contact the City of Florence Planning Department at 541-997-8237 or visit ci.florence.or.us.



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Chowder by the Waterfront



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While local restaurants and businesses prepare for stricter guidelines to protect the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, people are coming together to support each other. The Waterfront Depot, located in Historic Old Town Florence, is serving free cups of clam chowder Monday through Friday this week, starting at 4 p.m. According to the restaurant's newsletter, "Anyone who doesn't feel like cooking but doesn't feel comfortable eating indoors is welcome to come down and enjoy some delicious chowder and fresh air. ... We have been so inspired by our local school district's efforts to provide breakfast and lunch to students and want to do our part to help cover the third meal of the day." With several tables nearby at the City of Florence's Siuslaw River Interpretive Center, people are able to maintain the suggested 6 feet of social distance while sitting outside.



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SIUSLAW NEWS

Library Tidings

News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Closed, Programs Cancelled

Both locations of the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence and Mapleton are temporarily closed to the public. The closure began on Friday, March 13, and will remain in effect until at least Friday, March 20.

Library Director Meg Spencer said, "In consideration of the health of the hundreds of people on a daily basis who visit, volunteer at, meet in, or work at this library district, we are a place where the COVID-19 virus could spread. We want to do our best to support the recommendations of local, state, and national health authorities around social distancing and containing the COVID-19 virus."

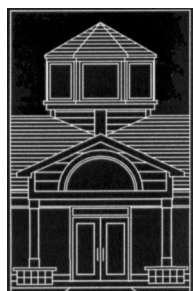
Contacting the Library

One of the easiest ways to contact the library during this closure is simply by emailing the Reference Desk at ref@siuslawlibrary.org.

Continue to visit the library's website for further updates. Information will also be relayed in this weekly Tidings column.

"Our library doesn't charge late fees, so please keep your materials for now. You can also take advantage of our many online resources, including free downloadable books and audiobooks," Spencer said.

Visit siuslawlibrary.info/covid19 for links to trusted information about the virus and current community closures and cancellations.



You can also visit the library's homepage, siuslawlibrary.info, and hover your mouse over the "About" button on the top right and then click on "Contact a Librarian/Ask a Question," "Share a Compliment, Suggestion or Concern," and "Make a Purchase Request."



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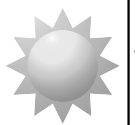
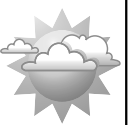
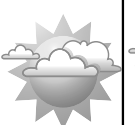
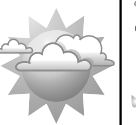
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