

Community News

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES FLORENCE A 'TREE CITY USA'

Earlier this year, Florence, Ore., was named a 2019 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Florence joins more than 3,400 cities and towns across the country that have been recognized as Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Florence achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care

ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Florence make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the



City of Florence Public Works Administrative Assistant Sandi Anderson holding the Tree City USA plaque

visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry has proclaimed April 24, 2020, as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.

However, due to physical distancing measures in place for COVID-19, the city will not be hosting an Arbor Day event in April. The formal presentation of the Tree City USA designation will be rescheduled.

According to the City of Florence, its goal is to host Arbor Day celebratory activities later this fall, once guidelines allow for small

gatherings, in coordination with the formal presentation.

Throughout the week of Arbor Day, the city will be posting some helpful resources related to the Tree City USA designation online at www.ci.florence.or.us/bc-emas/arbor-day-2020.

More information on the Tree City USA program is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at www.arborday.org.



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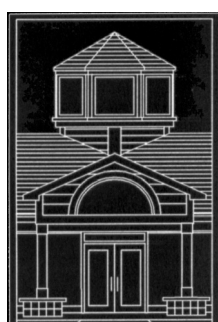


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Book Review: "White Walls: Collected Stories" by Tatyana Tolstaya

Tatyana Tolstaya's short stories — with their unpredictable fairy-tale plots, appealingly eccentric characters and stylistic abundance and flair — established her in the 1980s as one of modern Russia's finest writers. Since then, her work has been translated throughout the world.

Mixing heartbreak and humor, dizzying flights of fantasy and plunging descents to earth, Tolstaya is the natural successor in a great Russian literary lineage that includes Gogol, Yuri Olesha, Bulgakov and Nabokov.

"White Walls" is the most comprehensive collection of Tolstaya's short fiction to be published in English so far. It presents the contents of her two previous collections, "On the Golden Porch" and "Sleepwalker in a Fog," along with several previously uncollected stories.

Tolstaya shows how the extraordinary will suddenly erupt in the midst of ordinary life as she explores the human condition with a matchless combina-

tion of unbound imagination and unapologetic sympathy.

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There is usually a staff member on site from Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have a question about your account, or need a tax form, or anything, please feel free to call 541-997-3132 during those hours and we'll see if we can help.

Book Brunch

Missing the library? Want to talk books and reading with your librarians? Join the library for its new virtual book club, Book Brunch, on Thursday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This Thursday, April 23, we're asking everyone to talk about a poem or a poet, in addition to telling us what they are currently reading.

You can join us via Zoom video on your computer or device (<https://zoom.us/j/775103028>), or by calling the toll-free number (877-853-5257, meeting ID #775 103 028).

Literary Podcast of the Week
Rather than a discussion of

Farmers Market returns as 'pick-up market'

The Florence Farmers Pick Up Market opens Tuesday, May 12, and each successive Tuesday, for pick-ups between 4 and 6 p.m.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has declared farmers markets to be essential businesses. They provide fresh local food to the community, including Oregon Trail Card users, and they support small family farms and local food producers.

The Florence 2019 market season was highly successful, providing local food to almost 400 people spending an average of \$9,250 at each market.

In alignment with the efforts of the city, first responders and the respectful caution of Florence citizens, the Florence Farmers Market will

begin its season as an on-line, order/pre-pay, drive-through market. There will be no on-site cash or credit card sales.

By May 5, market organizers hope to have vendor products on the Florence Farmers Market website, www.florencefarmersmarket.org. People can also access them by going to WhatsApp, [sourcewhatsgood.com](https://www.whatsapp.com).

Customers will be able to select, pay for their purchases and use a scheduling app to choose a time between 4 and 6 p.m. each Tuesday, to pick up their order. This will allow market volunteers to manage traffic flow.

Orders will have to be placed by the Sunday before each Market Day.

Customers will drive into

the parking lot on the west side, pass the Lotus Restaurant building and pick up their purchases at each vendor's vehicle on the east side of the parking lot. Vendors or a volunteer will place the customer's pre-labeled order in their car.

In addition, SNAP customers will continue to be accommodated by the Florence market, with further details to follow.

Working closely with the Oregon Farmers Market Association, as are all markets in the state, the Florence Farmers Market is excited to join this food delivery system. Organizers are being mentored by a market manager in Portland who is currently using this system.

"What we gain is mini-

mizing contact, eliminating social distancing lines, adding extra monitors for each vendor booth, and increasing hand wash stations — all required by ODA for walk-in farmers markets," said Joanna Henderson, member of the Florence Farmers Market.

She added, "We will miss the music, and the inter-personal community contact that has given the market and its customers so much nourishment beyond food and drink. When the time is right we hope to resume our open-air market, in successive steps with city guidance, and welcome everyone back to our market site."

For more information about the Florence Farmers Market, visit online at www.florencefarmersmarket.org at www.facebook.com/FlorenceOregonFarmersMarket.

Garden Club to hold raffle on May 9

Although the Florence Garden Club has cancelled its May Plant Sale, the annual raffle will still happen on May 9.

All raffle tickets sold at the Florence Home & Garden Show in March and at Garden Club meetings will be honored that day.

Winners of the many prizes donated by local businesses and individuals will be awarded by telephone call.

"Thank you to all those who donated prizes," said club member Trina Smith.

Raffle funds are a major funding source for the Florence Garden Club and its scholarship program.

To learn more about the club and what people should be planting this spring, visit www.facebook.com/FlorenceGardenClub.

Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

1 Car Sanitation – All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.

2 Hand Sanitation – Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.

3 Give Customers Options – We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.

4 Employee Illness is Serious – We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.

5 Wipe Down High Touch Points – We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day.

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