

On The Record

Florence Urban Renewal Agency to meet virtually May 27

This Wednesday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m., the Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) will hold its regularly scheduled meeting via teleconference.

Given the governor's executive orders regarding social distancing requirements in response to reducing the spread

of COVID-19, citizens will not be able to attend FURA meetings in person.

Citizens interested in viewing and listening to public meetings can do so via live broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 191 or web broadcast at www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live.

During this time, Florence Urban Renewal Agency meetings will not allow for verbal public comments on any item other than a mandatory public hearing, but citizens are still encouraged to express their views to the FURA Board.

Those interested may

do so by submitting written communications in one of the following ways:

1. Submit written comments via email to the City Manager's Office at lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us;
2. Mail written comments to Florence City Hall, Attn: FURA, 250

Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

3. Drop off written comments to the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall (250 Highway 101) to the right of the main entrance.

All written testimony received at least 2 hours prior to the start of the

FURA meeting will be distributed to the FURA Board and made part of the record.

For details regarding the upcoming FURA meeting, please contact Administrative Assistant Lindsey White at 541-997-3437 or via email at lindsey.white@ci.florence.or.us.

Oregon families to begin receiving \$134 million in extra SNAP benefits

On May 5, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) announced that more than 351,000 students receiving free meals from Oregon schools will get additional food benefits for groceries during the school closure.

Households will receive food benefits equivalent to the cost of one lunch and one breakfast for each eligible student —

\$5.70 per normal school day for the months of March, April, May and June.

Beginning in June, these additional benefits will be automatically deposited for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households to their existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) accounts on their regular issuance date.

Benefits are sent out from the 1st to the 9th of

the month, based on the last digit of your SSN.

Students who get free school meals but do not receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail in the months of June and July. Parents do not need to apply if their children are part of a school where all students receive free meals.

Families whose children attend participating schools and have experienced significant income

loss may have become eligible for free school meals, and there is still time to apply.

Apply online at www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FR-LApp/Default or contact your local school.

To find out if your school participates in this program, visit www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/Pages/COVID-19.aspx.

Benefits will be retroactive to March 16 for

students who received free and reduced-price meals when schools closed.

For newly eligible free or reduced-price students or SNAP households, benefits will start at the beginning of the month they become eligible.

Eligible students will receive the following:

- \$69 for March
- \$126 in April
- \$120 in May
- \$69 in June

More information about the program is available at govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits and www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/Documents/FAQ-Parent-Web-site.pdf.

DHS will continue to work with federal partners to provide greater assistance to Oregonians in need.

For more information visit www.needfood.oregon.gov or call 2-1-1.

POLICE LOG

MAY 5

- Criminal mischief was reported on the 1400 block of Highway 101.
- Trespass was reported on the 1900 block of 37th Street.
- Theft was reported on the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive.
- Trespass was reported on the 400 block of Highway 101.
- Dispute was reported on the 1700 block of 12th Street.

MAY 6

- Trespass was reported on the 2400 block of Highway 101.
- Trespass was reported on the 1900 block of

25th Street.

MAY 7

- Theft was reported on the 1600 block of 15th Street.
- Accident, with injury, was reported on Highway 126 and Spruce Street.
- Trespass was reported on the 3900 block of Spruce Street.
- Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 2200 block of 20th Street.

MAY 8

- Trespass was reported on the 1800 block of Oak Street.
- Harassment was reported on 21st Street and

Highway 101.

MAY 10

- Dispute was reported on the 400 block of Ivy Street.
- Dispute was reported on the 2100 block of 10th Street.
- DUII was reported on Highway 126, mile

marker seven.

MAY 12

- Theft was reported on the 900 block of Highway 101.
- Hit-and-run accident was reported on the 4700 block of Highway 101.
- Assault was reported

on the 400 block of 9th Street.

- Theft was reported on the 5000 block of Munsel Lake Road.

MAY 13

- Dispute was reported on the 5200 block of Highway 101.
- Dispute was reported on Glenada Road.

- Assault was reported on the 400 block of 9th Street.
- Theft was reported on the 1300 block of Highway 101.
- Fight was reported on the 88500 block of Fourth Avenue.



Earth System Research Laboratory Global Monitoring Division

February 2020: 413.22 ppm
February 2019: 410.09 ppm

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 12	53	48	0.71
May 13	53	47	0.67
May 14	55	47	0.70
May 15	62	41	0.00
May 16	66	49	0.38
May 17	60	48	0.33
May 18	55	49	0.19

Rainfall Week: 2.98"
Month: 5.63" Year: 38.08"

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Garden Club Presents Awards



The Florence Garden Club is awarding post-secondary education scholarship money to two graduating Siuslaw High School seniors. Jonah Jarman has been awarded \$1,500 for his Environmental Sciences major and Katelynn Tipton has been awarded \$1,500 for her Marine Sciences major.

Since 1994 The Florence Garden Club has given more than \$64,000 in scholarship awards to qualified students in Florence and Mapleton whose educational goals lead to a career in horticulture, forestry, biology or an environment-related field. "The Garden Club thanks the merchants and public who support our annual plant sale and raffle," said scholarship committee chairman Carol Jolley. "It's community support and the dedication of Garden Club members that provide the money for these awards."

Coming Soon!

Fix it Lane County is an online directory that offers resources, events and tells the stories behind repair. Fix it is dedicated to helping people **Fix, Mend and Repair** more things, which is good for the local economy, community and the environment.

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