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U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River stood shifts at the "Christmas in June" kettle stations on Wednesday in an effort to help the community raise money to help ease residents' struggles due to job loss from COVID-19. MK3 Caleb Hansen rang a bell at Bi-Mart while BM3 Joseph Horning took his turn at Fred Meyer. Station Siuslaw River Officer in Charge BMCS Jay Nilles said, "We take pride in supporting our community relations so our Coast Guard City can prosper and grow. The City of Florence is a permanent home for some, and temporary for others, but that being said, we are a community. And supporting one another to ensure we are all able to succeed, and not suffer, is one of the founding principles of a community."

Christmas in June is an effort to provide \$500 checks to 200 area families this June. For more information, including to donate, volunteer or apply, call organizer Sam Spayd at 541-991-6139.

OHA releases general covering guidance for business, transit and public

STAFF REPORT
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) released a statewide update to its face covering guidance this week, effective June 25. The guidance applies to all businesses and the general public when visiting such businesses with the exception of those in Clackamas, Hood River, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Washington counties.

For the purposes of the guidance, the following definitions apply:

- "Business" means:
- Grocery stores
 - Fitness-related organizations
 - Indoor and outdoor entertainment facility operators
 - Licensed swimming pool, licensed spa pool and sports court operators
 - Outdoor recreation organizations
 - Pharmacies
 - Public transit agencies and providers
 - Personal services providers
 - Restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, tasting room and distilleries
 - Retail stores, shopping centers and malls
 - Ride sharing services
 - School aged summertime day camp operators
 - Recreational sports operators for specified sports
 - Venue operators
- "Face covering" means a cloth, paper or disposable face covering

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Dunes City begins discussion on short-term rental ordinance with community

BY JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

During a Dunes City council meeting on Wednesday, councilors were presented with a rough draft ordinance regarding possible regulations on short-term rentals in the city.

The draft is in response to multiple complaints the city received about an Airbnb property on Woahink Lake, which neighbors contend was becoming a nuisance. Issues included loud late night parties, excessive littering and damage

to neighboring properties by the renters.

In response, Dunes City Council stated that they would look at possible regulations for such properties, beginning with a draft ordinance to help facilitate a public dialogue.

"It is very rough and needs a lot of changes made," Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills told Siuslaw News.

She stressed that the ordinance only applies to short term rentals like Airbnb — RV parks, resorts or motels are not covered by the ordi-

nance.

"The Dunes City Council finds that the characteristics, operations, and potential impacts of short-term rentals operating in the city necessitate (a) The establishment of reasonable regulations for such operations, and (b) A separate licensing requirement for such rentals," the ordinance reads. "Dunes City desires to adopt reasonable regulations on short-term rentals to protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, peace, and quiet of the city's citizens."

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State special session deals with policing, pandemic

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Gov. Kate Brown called the Oregon Legislature to a special session on June 24 to consider legislative adoption of COVID-19 related executive orders and to consider more comprehensive police oversight measures.

Brown's decision to address the issue of police oversight comes in the wake of protests surrounding the death of Minnesotan George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police. Protests have since spread across the country and the state in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement, which has become a vehicle for social action in the exchanges between police and the public.

"We are at a unique moment in America and I am calling a special session to take up two urgent issues facing our state: the COVID-19 pandemic and police accountability," the governor stated in a release to the press.

The Oregon Legislature met on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to

introduce bills and to accept public testimony on those bills, with plans to continue working through the weekend, if necessary, to consider and pass legislation.

"Several pandemic-related policies that I have implemented via executive order, including the temporary eviction moratorium and protecting CARES Act payments

oc with the state budget and economists from the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis have predicted a revenue drop of more than \$2.5 billion during the next two-year budget cycle.

One of the uncertainties surrounding this potential budgetary shortfall is what form, and when, anticipated financial support from

"Gov. Brown's insistence to keep Oregon's economy shut down despite flattening the curve weeks ago has cost Oregon billions of dollars of revenue, impacting generations to come," Girod said in a statement. "This revenue loss could have been mitigated if the governor had been a leader and opened our state weeks ago."

One of the additional challenges facing lawmakers in Salem has been the need to maintain physical distancing as legislators move about the House and Senate chambers and the policy regarding mask wearing. There have also been concerns for the public as they testify in an anteroom, which has to be repeatedly disinfected between uses.

The House of Representatives has made the wearing of masks mandatory, but the Senate has left the decision up to individual senators to make for themselves. As such, most lawmakers chose to wear masks, with the exception of Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, and Sen. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls.

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from garnishment, should be codified in statute," Brown said. "And the public's call for significant police reform is too urgent to wait until the next regular legislative session. It's imperative that the Legislature take action on these issues right away."

The pandemic has wreaked hav-

the federal government will be acted upon in Washington, D.C.

Oregon Senate Minority Leader Sen. Fred Girod believes Brown is directly responsible for the state's looming budgetary crisis, primarily due to her insistence on shutting down many sectors of the Oregon economy for longer than necessary.

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