

## Florence Chamber sponsors PPP Loan Forgiveness Workshop

Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program Loan? Wondering how all the changes will affect you and your loan forgiveness?

Join Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and Chris Eyer, US Chamber Executive Director for the Northwest Region, for a walk through and workshop on Wednesday, July

15, at 10 a.m.

The workshop will provide discussion on new changes including:

- Extending the time to spend PPP funds
- Lowering the amount that must be spent on payroll
- Extending the deadline to restore FTEs and payroll
- Setting the repayment term for loans made after

June 4, 2020, at five years.

This webinar, held via the Zoom application, is open to both chamber members and non-chamber members and is free to all.

People can sign up through [florencechamber.com/event/paycheck-protection-program-loan-forgiveness-workshop/?rsvp\\_sent=1](http://florencechamber.com/event/paycheck-protection-program-loan-forgiveness-workshop/?rsvp_sent=1).

## Friends of Florence Cancer Vans again transporting patients

The Friends of Florence buses, which have long provided free rides for coastal cancer patients to the Eugene-Springfield area for radiation treatments, started rolling again on July 6.

The pandemic caused the Friends of Florence to cease operations for the first time in its 35-year history.

Under a plan devised by Friends of Florence operations chief Bart Mealer, the five-day-a-week bus trips will differ markedly from those in the past.

For starters, the 15-passenger buses will carry no more than four passengers in addition to the driver. The seating arrangement will be laid out so everyone on the bus is at least six feet apart. Each person including the driver will be required to wear a face covering.

Other measures include:

- Taking forehead tem-

peratures with an infrared thermometer of everyone boarding the bus, including the driver. Anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will not be allowed to ride.

- Allowing no eating or drinking aboard the bus.
- Providing hand sanitizer and disposable face masks for all riders.
- Opening side windows to provide air circulation during the trip.
- Cleaning and sanitizing the bus at the end of every trip.

In the past, the bus has taken patients for radiation treatment to both the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute in Eugene and the Oregon Urology Institute in Springfield. For the foreseeable future the bus will go only to the Cancer Institute in Eugene, which will coordinate with the Friends of Florence to schedule the

riders.

The nonprofit Friends of Florence group, which owns two buses and operates entirely on donations and grants, is in the process of purchasing a considerable amount of new equipment to allow operations to resume, Mealer said.

That equipment ranges from masks and sanitizing wipes to an \$850 hand-held electrostatic sprayer to disinfect the seats.

Money from the Florence Van Fans, a separate organization dedicated to raising funds for the Friends of Florence operations, will help with the extra expenses, Grove said.

For more information about riding the bus, volunteering to drive or making donations, contact Grove at 541-997-8629 or Mealer at 541-997-8663, or go to the organization website at [friendsofflorence.net](http://friendsofflorence.net).

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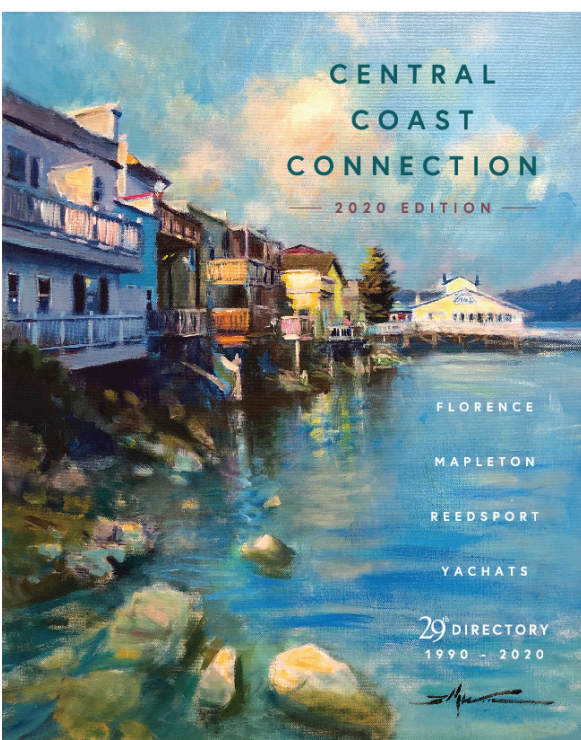
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