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City modifies parking in Old Town

Changes will allow restaurants to expand seating to parking lots and lanes.

By MARK BRENNAN SIUSLAW NEWS

The implementation of new COVID-related protocols in Florence continues with a change in the parking regulations governing Bay Street.

The new policy for parking in Old Town is still being finalized, but the framework for modified parking restrictions is in place and the next step is set to begin as early as next week.

In a statement released Thursday afternoon, city staff announced the new Old Town parking plan, which included the rationale for the change and the next step business need to take in order to legally participate in the program.

There is also a plan for eating establishments which are not located next to public roads, allowing them to expand seating into private parking spaces connected to their restaurant.

"The City of Florence is expanding the outdoor seating allowances for local restaurants to seat more people outside to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19. Restaurants with parking lots will be allowed to expand into their parking spaces, and restaurants that do not have parking spaces will be allowed to expand into the parking lane," the City's statement explained.

The City has two different forms available for restaurants, depending on their location and specific circumstances. Once the restaurant's form is deemed complete by the City of Florence, restaurants can expand their outdoor seating

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Improving homes and lives

Regional Home Improvement Program grants are helping make homes and lives better



PHOTO BY LENA FELT/SIUSLAW NEWS

Yvette Wiesner and her family are hoping for the final improvements on their home to be completed by the end of summer

By LENA FELT SIUSLAW NEWS INTERN

Yvette Wiesner and her husband had just closed on their first home together when they realized they would need to fork out several thousand dollars more on new flooring. The urgency of the situation became apparent after Wiesner's husband fell through

the floor of their hallway. "When we bought the house, we immediately put almost \$10,000 into the flooring itself," said Wiesner. "We replaced the subfloor, put down overlays throughout the house and finally the actual flooring. After that, we were good for a while." Things started looking up after the flooring was finished. But soon, the roof began to leak

in several places, causing severe damage to the ceilings. "We knew there was work that needed to be done, but we didn't realize the extent of it," Wiesner said.

The issues seemed to keep piling on top of each other the longer they lived there.

Wiesner and her family

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Port, Planning commissions hold brief meetings

The Planning Commission hearing on a new development has been postponed

By MARK BRENNAN SIUSLAW NEWS

This week's scheduled Planning Commission meeting had been the subject of considerable interest among property owners and neighbors of a proposed multi-unit housing development (PUD) on the corner of Rhododendron Drive and Fifth Street.

The proposal seeks approval for a 126-unit multi-family

complex, combining attached and detached dwellings along with several separate homes.

Neighbors have expressed concerns with the proposal for a number of reasons but primarily regarding traffic congestion at the corner of Rhododendron Drive and fifth Street and negative impact on groundwater tables that could lead to runoff issues.

All Commissioners were present during the tele-confer-

enced meeting. The agenda for the meeting was approved and consideration of Resolution PC 20-07 PUD 01 began. Chairperson John Murphy next informed the committee that the applicant, represented by Mercedes Serra, Senior Urban Designer from 3J Consulting, had requested an extension in holding the public hearing scheduled for the meeting.

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Dunes City discusses options with short-term rental issues

Dunes City Council looked at finding a balance between owner and resident concerns

By JARED ANDERSON SIUSLAW NEWS

Dunes City held an online town hall Wednesday night to discuss ideas and concerns regarding short-term rental properties in the city, such as Airbnb. The discussion was the first in what could be many as the city looks to create a specific ordinance regarding regulations on short-term rentals in the city.

"I'd like to preface it by say-

ing we're looking for input on the subject because we've had a few problems over the last year," Dunes City Mayor Robert Forsythe said as he began the meeting, pointing out that it was not the intention of the city to abolish short-term rentals all together.

"We're not opposed to short-term rentals, or Airbnb use on a property, but we find ourselves in a pretty intrusive, unique situation with a property that's

behind us," one speaker said, describing issues with trespassing on property, parking issues and trash.

"What we're looking for is ideas," he said. "[Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills] has received different short term rental operating licenses and agreements from various places, so we're trying to put together something that allows for short-term rentals to exist within Dunes City, but to do it to where

we are not adversely affecting the neighborhood and the neighbors of those businesses."

One of the largest problems that residents shared with current rentals is the inability to contact homeowners or managers if there is a problem.

"For example, last night we had a vocational rental, for the third day in a row, shooting off aerial fireworks," one resident

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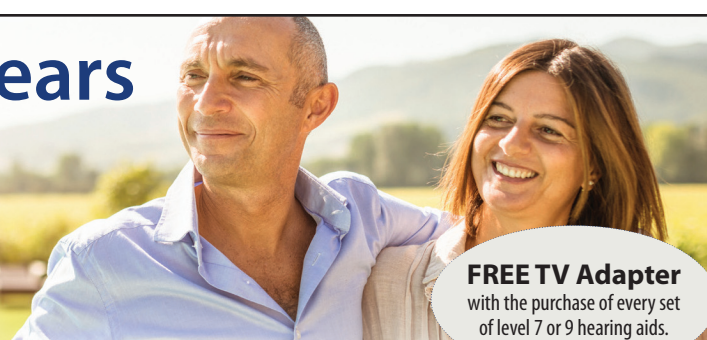
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