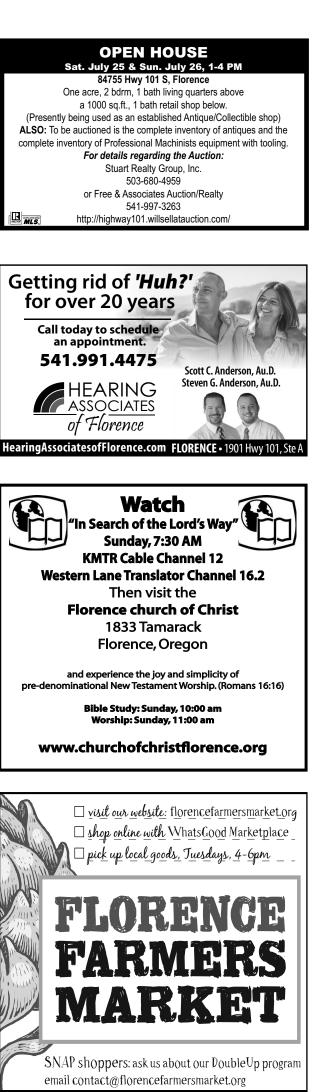
# **Community News**



# Trading spaces



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he City of Florence Public Works Department has begun the process of delivering and setting up a number of orange barricades outside restaurants on Bay Street. The barricades are being positioned on the street allowing diners to be seated in the area between barriers. The placement of the barricades is being made in an attempt to allow for safe physical distancing on sidewalks outside restaurants. There is now a digital process in place to obtain the barricades, which requires a restaurant owner to fill out some paperwork via email describing the nature of the seating layout in their particular establishment. For more information contact Sarah Moehrke at 541-991-8276.

#### SOS

affected every aspect of our lives. It brought some to a breaking point. During March, April and May, the number of requests for domestic violence victim assistance tripled from that same period the year before, said SOS Executive Director Bob Teter. "The number of requests for rent and utility assistance during the past month has nearly equaled the number of requests over the previ-

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### ous six months."

Anticipating that need, SOS went to work raising funds.

"We were able to raise the funds to help 55 heads of households who had been laid off or furloughed get caught up with rents and utilities. As we look forward, the need is still there," Teter said.

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Additionally, SOS has other programs in need of support to address issues like domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, prescription assistance, clothing, shower, laundry and transportation. Those needs remain and have been impacted by the overall reduction matically scaled back donations and understandably so," said Teter. "Our goal is to raise \$37,000 in community contributions by Sept. 30 in order to maintain our current level of service. That is the amount of projected loss of income due to Department of Justice budget cuts, decline in community giving last spring and the cancelation of a fundraising event all associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic."



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Do you part and volunteer today to help support these organizations in our community.

#### Habitat for Humanity

Have unwanted paint, stains and varnish? Florence Habitat for Humanity will take it! Call for details 541-997-5834

#### **Helping Hands Coalition**

We are in need of volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. We need volunteers to serve food, set up for meals and also prepare meals beginning at 11:00 am and finishing at 2:00pm. New Location: Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence

(Across from Fred Meyer)

#### Oregon Coast Humane Society

relies heavily on volunteers.

There are many opportunities to volunteer and a variety of skills and talents are always in need. Volunteer interest forms may be found online, at the shelter and at our Thrift Shop on Bay Street. www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org/volunteer/

#### **Us Too Florence**

Saving men one PSA test at a time. "Someone to talk to...who understands!" 541-997-6626 • maribob@oregonfast.net www.ustooflorence.org

## To include your organization in this directory, please call us @ 541-997-3441

In recent weeks, SOS has been successful in securing additional grant funds, totaling more than \$140,000 in direct aid for those affected by COVID. However, those grants are very specific and restrictive and only addresses rent and utility needs. The grants do not include operational support and much of that money has already been distributed to cli-

in funds earmarked for SOS.

Another effect of the pandemic has been the reduction of private and government revenues for needs unrelated to the COVID crisis.

"Half of SOS's budget is supported by grants from Lane County and the State of Oregon and some of the local businesses that regularly support SOS have dra-

For more information on how you can help support those in need of the many services provided by SOS, call Bob Teter at Siuslaw Outreach Services, located at 1576 West 12thStreet, or call 541-997-2816.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JULY 25	JULY 26	JULY 27	JULY 28	JULY 29	JULY 20	AUGUST 1
Sunny/Wind	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
66°F 50°F	73°F 52°F	68°F 53°F	65°F 51°F	64°F 51°F	65°F 51°F	66°F 52°F
501	521	100	JIF	110	571	521

# 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.

<u>3 Give Customers Options</u>- 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.

We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you.

