

On The Record

Florence Police warn area residents of recent email, phone scam efforts

Multiple Florence residents have reported being contacted by individuals via telephone or email advising them they have been defrauded, and they need to repay the financial institution.

These payments are facilitated by the victim buying prepaid credit or gift cards

and providing redemption information to the suspect(s) over the phone or via email. Similar incidents have been reported in the past in Lane County.

Citizens are reminded that this is not legitimate activity and financial institutions do not utilize this method to collect official

payments.

Citizens are encouraged to hang up the phone if they suspect a scam, and report scams to your local law enforcement agency.

Calls asking for payment through untraceable methods such as prepaid cards, gift cards, or other cash cards, are probably a scam.

Calls that use scare tactics, timelines, or pressure you to send money quickly, are also likely scams.

There have also been two other recent reports of scams:

- One where the suspect(s) will offer to “fix” an issue if you give them remote access to your com-

puter, then obtain financial information via that means. Be extremely cautious in giving anyone remote access to your computer.

- The other is a call from someone (often times a computerized message) advising that they are from Social Security or the I.R.S. and there has been “fraud”

involving your account, and if you do not “cooperate” in providing payment or additional financial institution information they will issue a warrant.

Residents are encouraged to call the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515 if they have any questions.

City of Florence accepting applications for council seat

The City of Florence is seeking interested parties to fill a vacancy on the City Council for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2022.

Applicants need to have resided within the Florence City limits for at least one year prior to appointment and be a registered voter.

Members of the Florence City Council are the policy and decision-making leaders for the City of Florence,

providing oversight to the City Manager and the Municipal Court Judge. The council provides decision making through at public City Council meetings and direction given to the City Manager.

Service on the City Council is a voluntary position.

The city council meets regularly on the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:30 p.m., and in work

sessions currently scheduled for the first and third Monday's at 10:30 a.m. In addition, Florence City Councilors serve as ex-officio members on one or more City committees and often represent Florence at many different events and groups.

Anyone interested in serving on the city council can download an application at www.ci.florence.or.us.

Applications are due by 5

p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18.

Applications will be reviewed by the city council in early January and may be invited to interviews with the Council the week of Jan. 11 or 18.

For more information, visit the City's website or contact City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

CORRECTION

In the front-page article “Serving up Thanksgiving Dinner” in the Nov. 10 edition of the *Siuslaw News*, Kiwanis Club of Florence would like to clarify that the Florence Community Thanksgiving Dinners have been organized by many organizations in its 30-year history.

In its early years, the dinner was started and coordinated by several local churches. Kiwanis has organized and funded it since 2007, but the event has always included volunteers from the rest of the community.



Messianic Jewish Dance Team Meets Every Wednesday at 4:00p.m.

Looking for Women & Men that want to learn deeper ways to worship. Call Ruthanne: 541-997-8186 Or Karen: 541-997-4465

COUNTY, STATE COVID-19 STATS

Lane County Public Health (LCPH) —

(As of Nov. 20)

Lane County Public Health notified of 94 additional positive COVID-19 cases since yesterday (Nov. 18).

This makes a total of 3,594 cases. Lane County remains on the governor's Watch List according to state metrics on COVID-19 spread.

- 3,594 (+94) total cases (Note: that this includes confirmed and presumptive.)

Of cases confirmed and presumptive:

- Hospitalized: 24 (+8)

- ICU: 4 (of the 24)
- Deaths: 37 (+1)
- Infectious 416 (+41)
- Persons being monitored: 665

- COVID-19 cases by zip code as of Nov. 19 — 97439: 38

For data regarding Lane County testing, patient status, case ZIP codes and more is available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/local-data

Latest deaths:

- Lane County Public Health was notified that a 70-year old woman from the Eugene/Springfield area passed away yesterday (11/16) due to complications associated with

COVID-19. She was not hospitalized at the time of her death.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) —

(As of Nov. 20 at noon)

The Oregon Health Authority reported the largest daily number of COVID-19 cases and deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in Oregon, surpassing the 800th COVID-19 death — less than three weeks after marking the 700th death.

COVID-19 claimed 20 more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 808. The OHA reported 1,225 new confirmed and presumptive cases of

COVID-19, bringing the state total to 60,873.

New cases are in the following counties: Baker (4), Benton (16), Clackamas (121), Clatsop (2), Columbia (14), Coos (8), Crook (6), Curry (6), Deschutes (31), Douglas (21), Grant (3), Harney (5), Hood River (8), Jackson (89), Jefferson (10), Josephine (13), Klamath (20), Lake (5), Lane (130), Lincoln (1), Linn (11), Malheur (21), Marion (84), Morrow (1), Multnomah (376), Polk (20), Umatilla (20), Union (8), Wasco (8), Washington (127), and Yamhill (36).

LET'S KEEP IT UP LET'S ALL #MASKUP

We know it's tough that we all need to do our part and keep wearing masks. But here's what we also know:

The science has not changed. Masks slow the spread of COVID-19. So please join us as we all embrace this simple ask: Wear. Care. Share with #MaskUp. Together, wearing is caring. And together, we are saving lives.

Hours:
Monday-Saturday
10:30am – 9:00pm

*To go orders
for the next two weeks
Closed Thanksgiving*

Thank you for all of the support.

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