

Windermere Real Estate to 'Share the Warmth'

Just in time for winter, real estate brokers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington are gearing up for Windermere Real Estate's annual "Share the Warmth" campaign.

Form now through Dec. 21, Windermere brokers are hosting a virtual fundraiser to help local charities purchase winter necessities for community members in need.

In the Florence area, the donations will benefit Siuslaw Outreach Services.

Share the Warmth is an annual tradition that has benefited local neighborhoods through donations of coats, blankets and other items for nearly two decades.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic and recent wildfires have restricted physical collection of donations, this new virtual adaptation is needed now more than

ever. To make a donation to Siuslaw Outreach Services, visit the Share the Warmth website at helpsharethewarmth.com to view the list of all participating Windermere offices and their local beneficiaries.

"Vulnerable people in our communities continue to be severely impacted by the pandemic and recent wildfires. Helping to ensure our neighbors have the necessities they need to stay warm this winter is just one way we can step up and help," said Scott Mitchelson, president of Windermere Services Company in Oregon and SW Washington. "Though the campaign looks different this year, we know that our communities will continue to come together to take care of each other in times of crisis."

Florence PD warns of recent email, phone scam

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 computer, 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.

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'Give from the Heart' for Habitat on Giving Tuesday

The current pandemic means people are spending more time together in their homes than ever before.

Home is both a sanctuary in times of trouble and a place to gather during seasons of joy and celebration.

However, many people are living without the security a home provides. The Florence Habitat for Humanity is committed to giving those families a hand up.

The community is asked to consider joining Florence Habitat in celebrating a global movement that started in 2012 called Giving Tuesday. This movement is a philanthropic counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Florence Habitat for Humanity is offering an opportunity to take part during our Giving Tuesday Fundraiser on Dec. 2.

Donations work to ensure Habitat for Humanity can continue providing safe spaces for those in need.

To partner with the Florence branch, visit www.florencehabitat.org.

Having trouble finding a gift for the person that has everything? Let Florence Habitat for Humanity help with a "Gift from the Heart."

When people donate in their loved one's name, they are giving twice. Each financial donation works toward fulfilling a needy family's dream of a stable, affordable home. Also, each recipient will receive a lovely holiday card recognizing the donation in their honor.

A minimum of \$10 is requested.

People can donate at www.florencehabitat.org or visit Florence Habitat ReStore, 2004 Highway 101, in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.

"A Gift from the Heart" is the perfect gift for someone with a big heart and giving spirit.

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More Info: www.ci.florence.or.us/2020holidays

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3rd: \$100 City, \$100 KCST, \$100 Siuslaw News

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