

# Community News

## Get an intro to 'Safe Shelter' for students on Feb. 24

Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students is working to assist students who are struggling to sustain secure housing, with the overall goal of supporting students for school success. Insufficient housing is a huge barrier to school attendance, readiness, performance, and graduation. In keeping with the Siuslaw School District mission "Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach their Greatest Potential," Safe Shelter wants to help.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m., there will be a virtual introduction to Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students and its partner, Safe Families of Lane County. Interested persons are invited to contact Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779 or via email

at [suzanne@safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org](mailto:suzanne@safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org) for a Zoom invitation.

"There is a growing need for support for families who

which met virtually, to form Safe Families of West Lane County and convene its Local Leadership Council. Council members are

lies or young people going through hard times.

Safe Families for Children is an international program with chapters in the US, Canada and Kenya.

Founder Dave Anderson explained that Safe Families emerged as a need for an alternative to foster care.

There are several roles to be filled by team members with varying levels of time commitments. Safe Families is a preventative strategy to keep children safe and keep families together.

Safe Families of Lane County has recently formalized their partnership with 90 by 30 Child Abuse Prevention Project, which also has an active chapter here in West Lane County.

For more information, visit [safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org](http://safeshelterforsiuslawstudents.org).



**Safe Families for Children**

are insufficiently housed and a growing concern, and in some cases outrage, about the number of homeless people springing up all over," Mann-Heintz said. "Safe Shelter has taken on a tiny but important piece of the challenge by focusing on our Siuslaw students."

On Feb. 4, Safe Shelter brought together community members representing an array of like-minded Florence organizations,

Therese Arnold, Maggie Bagon, Ella Glowacki, Lenora Kent, Linda Moy and Mann-Heintz.

Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students is partnering with Safe Families of Lane County to develop Host Home teams to provide accommodations for insufficiently housed students and their families. Volunteer Host Home team members create a circle of support for fami-

## City conducts electrical repairs at 1st Avenue sewer pump station

According to the City of Florence, the electrical service, including the CT (Current Transformer) cabinet and meter base for the wastewater pumping facility on First Ave. near Driftwood Shores and Lane County's Hecta Beach Access wayside/park, is in need of total replacement. The project will require that the emergency power generator to operate 24 hours a day beginning Monday, Feb. 22, through Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The moist coastal salt air and the extreme environment in which this

pump station is located has deteriorated the CT cabinet and meter base to a point that these electrical systems need to be replaced. Both of these items are located outside of the actual pump station control building and will be replaced with new stainless steel equipment enclosures.

Since the pump station requires electricity to pump the wastewater from the pump station to the city wastewater treatment plant, the emergency power generator will need to operate during this "shore power" shut

down event.

The generator does produce noise and will need to run during the evening and early morning hours to effectively pump the wastewater from this area to the treatment plant.

Florence Public Works would like to extend our thanks to the public for their patience as it completes this very important electrical system replacement project.

"Although we have planned and coordinated this project well with Central Lincoln PUD and have worked hard to minimize any inconve-

nience, due to the nature of this electrical systems replacement project, there will be slight noise inconvenience due to the need to operate the emergency power generator," stated Public Works Director Mike Miller. "The City sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience we or the contractor might cause during this project and we will certainly try to minimize those inconveniences."

For more details about this project, call City of Florence Public Works at 541-997-4106 or visit [ci.florence.or.us](http://ci.florence.or.us).

## LCC offers tuition-free summer course for high school juniors, seniors

Eugene—High school students graduating in 2021 or 2022 can take one tuition-free course this spring or summer from Lane Community College to jump-start their college education. That's a \$480 savings for one four-credit course.

Courses will be held re-

motely from March 29 to June 12 for spring term, and June 21 to Sept. 11 for summer term. Students will receive free access to Moodle, Zoom and other important college resources to take their course.

Registration and a Tuition-Waiver Request form must be completed by

the first day of each term; March 29 and June 21 respectively. This includes courses that start in July or August.

This initiative started in summer 2020 with almost 200 high school students starting their college career early. High school students saved \$68,970 in tuition

costs last summer.

For more information go online at [www.lanecollege.edu/tuitionfreecourse](http://www.lanecollege.edu/tuitionfreecourse) or contact High School Connections advisor Brenda Williams at [williamsb@lanecollege.edu](mailto:williamsb@lanecollege.edu) or 541-463-3443.

Lane is an AA/EEO/Veterans/Disabilities Employer.

## Bus service between Florence, Yachats suspended

The Florence-Yachats Connector will be temporarily suspended because of the Highway 101 closure between Florence and Yachats. The service

will resume as soon as the roadwork is finished, and it is safe to once again travel along the coast between Florence and Yachats on Highway 101.

For updates, visit [Link-Lane.org](http://Link-Lane.org) or call the Florence-Yachats Connector service provider, River Cities Taxi, at 541-902-2067.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26
AM Showers	Rain	Rain	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Showers
49°F 43°F	51°F 47°F	53°F 43°F	50°F 39°F	50°F 43°F	49°F 42°F	48°F 41°F

## 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.

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BOB HORNEY, CHAPTER LEADER/FACILITATOR  
BOTH MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD.  
WATCH SIUSLAW NEWS FOR RESUMPTION

• **Tuesday Evening Group (2nd Tuesday)**  
5-7 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant  
Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff attends.

• **Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday)**  
12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant  
Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.

Contact Bob for more information:  
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