

# On The Record

## City of Florence expands outdoor seating allowances

The City of Florence has accepted an additional four restaurants' interest in expanding into the right-of-way to seat additional patrons.

The surge in interest from restaurants is in response to the Lane County move Extreme Risk on Friday, April 30.

Extreme Risk guidelines prescribe that restaurants must only serve customers outside or through take-out.

Restaurants approved for outdoor seating are Nosh Eatery, Mari's Kitchen,

Lovejoy's Tearoom, Homegrown Public House, 1285 Restobar, Bridgewater Fish House & Zebra Bar, Beachcomber Pub and Waterfront Depot.

Additionally, Off Bay Street Bistro has been approved to use a parking space as a designated pick-up space for take-out.

The City asks for patience and understanding during this time regarding parking on Bay Street. The City has public parking lots for Bay Street patrons to use at the old Lotus building, Veterans Park, and the east side

of the Siuslaw River bridge. Additionally, the Port of Siuslaw's parking lot along the boardwalk is open to public parking as well.

The City of Florence expanded the outdoor seating allowances in July 2020. Restaurants with parking lots have been allowed to expand into their parking spaces, and restaurants that do not have parking spaces have been allowed to expand into the parking lane.

Restaurants can still fill out the acknowledgement form to participate.

The City has two separate

acknowledgement forms for restaurants, depending on their unique circumstances.

More information can be found at the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us/economicdevelopment/expansion-restaurant-outdoor-seating](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/economicdevelopment/expansion-restaurant-outdoor-seating).

Questions about the Expansion of Outdoor Seating program can be directed to Sarah Moehrke, Economic Development Catalyst, by email at [Sarah.Moehrke@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:Sarah.Moehrke@ci.florence.or.us) or by calling 541-991-8276.

## OBITUARY

**FRERICHS**—Eileen Faye (Helm) Frerichs was born on March 10, 1936, in Portland, Ore.

She married Donald Frerichs on Aug. 23, 1963. She was a resident of Florence, Ore. for 15 years.

Eileen taught and was principal at Good Shepherd Lutheran School (Hayward, Calif.), St. John Lutheran School (Seward, Neb.) and in the Springfield, Ill., Public School District.

For much of her married life, Eileen was a stay-at-home mom. While living in Portland, she worked for World Book, Inc. and finally for Providence Newberg (Oregon) Hospital.

Eileen is survived by her husband, the Rev. Donald Frerichs; children

Luke (Tammy) Frerichs, the Rev. Paul (Deborah) Frerichs, Lois (David) Hughey and Matthew (Amy) Frerichs; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held May 2, 2021, at Redeemer Lutheran Church with the Rev. Eric Tritten of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements were by Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home. Inurnment was at Stow Silver Springs Cemetery.

Livestream may be accessed at [www.redeemerlutheran.us](http://www.redeemerlutheran.us).



**Eileen Frerichs**

## Lane County, local Chambers advocate for Covid-risk designation review

The Lane County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a letter to Oregon Governor Kate Brown at their April 27 meeting.

The letter, which is co-signed by the Eugene, Springfield, Florence, Oakridge and Cottage Grove chambers of commerce, outlines four requests that Lane County believes will help continue to protect the public health while balancing the wellbeing of business communities.

"We know that it is difficult to balance protect-

ing state hospital capacity and protecting the fragile recovery now underway across the state," said Lane County Board of Commissioner Chair Joe Berney. "While the news that the COVID-19 risk framework may no longer be needed by the end of June is encouraging, many of our small businesses are still struggling to survive day-to-day after facing the uncertainties created by the pandemic.

"The future prosperity and economic welfare of our community beyond the pandemic relies on businesses surviving and be-

ing in a position to thrive post-pandemic."

The four requests included in the letter are:

- Increase the number of vaccines allotted to Lane County;

- Direct OHA to review all current Sector Guidance for High and Extreme Risk categories against the current trends in case transmission with an eye toward ensuring that restrictions to commerce are aligned to where transmission is occurring;

- Provide as much advance notice to counties about risk metrics frame-

work movement as possible; and

- Expedite the revision of the current County risk metrics framework as soon as possible.

Lane County Public Health will continue to do its part to ensure the vaccinations provided by Oregon Health Authority are administered as quickly as possible in communities.

As of today, Lane County has administered 276,177 COVID-19 vaccines, which represents over 52 percent of eligible adults and 44 percent of our full population.

## Ballots for May Special Election should begin arriving

Lane County Elections mailed ballots today for the May 18, 2021 Special Election. Most voters should receive their ballots by Wednesday, May 5.

Voters who do not receive a ballot for the May 18, 2021 Special Election can check on the status of their registration and ballot at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov). They may also contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 to determine if they need to update their voter registration in order

to receive a ballot.

Voters may drop off their ballots at one of many official drop box locations listed in the insert included with their ballot.

Drop boxes are now open and will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

A map of drop box locations is also available online.

Due to COVID-19, the Lane County Elections Office will be open to the public only on Friday, May 14; Monday, May 17; and Tues-

day, May 18, Election Day.

The Elections Office has a small quantity of masks available for visitors that do not have their own. On all other dates, the Lane County Elections Office is closed to walk-ins. Assistance is available over the phone at 541-682-4234 (weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m., and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.), and via email at [elections@lanecounty.or.gov](mailto:elections@lanecounty.or.gov).

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