

# Community News

## Florence Community PTA distributes Care Kits to Siuslaw teens

During the last week in May, Florence Community PTA (Parent Teacher Association) put together and distributed 740 Care Kits to students at Siuslaw Middle and High schools.

"The idea for the project was to let our teens know that there is a community of parents, teachers, and local businesses that recognize how hard this past year has been for them due to the pandemic, and we care about their well-being," said Diane McCalmont, project coordinator. "We filled gift

bags with snacks, journals, stress balls, lists of coping and calming strategies, a list of resources kids can use if there is a need to talk or reach out for help, Dutch Bros gift cards, Big Dog Donuts coupons for a free donut, and a few other items for fun."

Western Lane Health Network provided free information to include that helps kids handle stress, as well as places they can contact if they are feeling overwhelmed, need to talk, or need other help. The Oregon YouthLine organiza-

tion also provided rubber bracelets and a quick reference sticker with contact resources for teens.

PTA is so thankful for the local businesses that wanted to get behind this project and support our teens: Dutch Bros donated free drink gift cards and an encouraging "you got this" sticker and Big Dog Donuts also came through with coupons for free donuts.

"Our volunteers were superheroes in putting together the bags and personally distributing to students at each school," McCalmont said.



Members of Florence Community PTA worked with Western Lane Health Network to create and distribute 740 Care Kits to Siuslaw Middle and High school students.

These included Cathy Ball, Liz Hughes, Mike Blankenship, Becky Holbrook, Jaime Snider and Florence Police Department School Resource Officer Hailey Coons.

Many students, teachers, admin, and parents have expressed appreciation for the timeliness of this project and for these gifts of support.

One parent said, "Thank you for the care packages for the SHS students! That was so cool and such a great way

to show support and care for the students...I asked him if he read any of the literature and he said, 'YES!' Good (and important) stuff all

around."

For more information about Florence Community PTA, check out [www.facebook.com/FlorenceCommunityPta](http://www.facebook.com/FlorenceCommunityPta).

People can also email [florenceoregonpta@gmail.com](mailto:florenceoregonpta@gmail.com) to find out how to join and/or get involved.

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### Greetings Florentine Homeowners

Only Florentine Board members are privileged to communicate to Homeowners via the Florentine Focus monthly newsletter. Therefore, we are turning to a paid infomercial route.

We are nearing the time when Florentine Homeowners choose Board members for 2-year alternating terms. There are six candidates for four openings. Three are current board members and three are from the homeowners ranks.

The current Board has canceled "Meet the Candidates" meeting that has always been a part of our election process. The only opportunity for Homeowners to hold currently, serving board candidates accountable for past actions!

The following issues would almost certainly have been mentioned at the now defunct meeting!

1. Resolution to ban flying of Armed Services and State of Oregon flags? A 6 to 1 vote by the current board.
2. The present board has been remiss in supervision of management staff. The result has been the virtual creation of an 8<sup>th</sup> non-elected board member resulting in misinformation and unnecessary confrontations with Florentine Homeowners. All kinds of "Catch 22" issues!
3. Maintenance staff, so important to the physical appearance and operation of Florentine. Unable to hire and retain! Rapid turnover! An indication of problems.
4. Board does not encourage participation by homeowners. Most of the Adhoc committees have been made up of only board members.

The Current election is important! The open board positions are not for the aggrandizement or longevity of any board member. It is time to reestablish a culture of placing the bill paying Homeowner in first place above the Florentine Board and Florentine employees.

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## Plan ahead for Memorial Day weekend travel

As more people get vaccinated and pandemic restrictions ease, more travelers are anticipated to hit Oregon roads this Memorial Day weekend and over the summer.

Travelers need to plan ahead, add travel time, and pack their patience for expected congestion and delays. Plan routes carefully, considering the many wildfire recovery areas around the state and continued wildfire risk.

The usual holiday cautions are also in place to help reduce risk: pay attention, put down the cell phone, and of course, drive sober.

### Set expectations

Traffic rates are nearly back to typical levels on all state roads. AAA estimates 485,000 Oregonians are planning a trip to kick off summer. Nearly 93% will go by car. This is up 60% from last year when people stayed home due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Know road conditions before heading out by checking Tripcheck.com or calling 5-1-

1. An Oregon Department of Transportation summer construction map shows major planned projects throughout the state. To reduce risk to drivers and crews while helping traffic flow, most ODOT construction crews will pause roadwork projects between Friday, May 28 and Tuesday morning, June 1.

On Interstate 5, south of Ashland over the Siskiyou, drivers should expect single lane traffic in both directions throughout the summer. This includes all weekends and holidays until paving and bridge work is completed.

### Destination reminders

- Parking lots can fill up quickly at popular recreation areas. Plan ahead, get there early and have back up places to visit.
- Park only in designated areas.
- Local law enforcement may ticket or tow cars parked along a roadside or another undesignated area.
- Most recreation destinations may be open, but some roads to get there could be closed.

### Wildfire Recovery Areas

Debris cleanup from last September's devastating wildfires complicates the holiday and summer road picture. Work continues in key corridors connecting the Willa-

mette and Umpqua Valleys to Central Oregon and the coast.

"We know that traffic delays can be frustrating and difficult to navigate. To help ease congestion this holiday weekend, hazard tree and debris removal operations will pause work on ODOT's highways from noon on Friday, May 28 until Wednesday, June 2," said Mac Lynde, ODOT's Delivery and Operations Deputy Division Administrator and Lead for the Debris Management Task Force.

Travelers should use extra caution while traveling in wildfire recovery areas, and take alternate routes if possible. Speed limits are reduced, areas look different and landmarks may be gone. Expect numerous work zones and long delays when crews are working, which may include weekends throughout the summer.

Wildfire impacted routes include: OR 138 in Douglas County, OR 22 in the Santiam Canyon, OR 18 east of Lincoln City, and OR 126 along the McKenzie River.

OR 224 in Clackamas County remains unsafe due to extreme wildfire damage and will be closed through the fall.

"We are all eager to get out and about to enjoy Oregon's beauty but we also need to respect the ongoing recovery efforts in these communities.

We appreciate the public's understanding and ask folks to stay clear of closed areas for their safety and others," said Lynde.

### Wildfire Prevention

2021 comes with extra concern about early wildfire dangers. Much of the state is currently experiencing drought. Some regions are already in fire season and have fire restrictions in place. Know and follow fire restrictions before traveling.

### Motorists can help prevent wildfires:

- Stay on paved surfaces whenever possible. Avoid roadsides where flammables such as dry grass can come in contact with a vehicle's hot exhaust system or catalytic converter.
- Prevent throwing off sparks by ensuring that all parts of your vehicle, from mufflers to chains, are secure and tires have correct pressure.
- Never toss a lit cigarette or flammable materials from a vehicle.
- Extinguish all smoking materials completely and thoroughly, away from dry grass and fuels.
- Carry a fire extinguisher in the car and know how to use it.
- Know local wildfire danger and restrictions.

**CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS**

**CRUELLA** - PG-13 133 MIN - "Cruella could be the biggest surprise of the summer. Bold, dark, & wonderfully anti-Disney. Emma Stone is perfection as Cruella. Hair & Makeup, Production Design & Costume Design are sure bets for Oscars noms." Scott Menzel

**DREAM HORSE** - Based on a True Story PG 102 MIN - "Like horse racing, filmmaking is a high-risk gamblers' game, but the team have surely bred a winner with this endearing, determinedly crowd-pleasing adaptation." HR

**A QUIET PLACE PART II** - PG-13 96 MIN - "Proves to be an even fiercer and more emotional experience than the first instalment. ...This superb piece of mainstream horror filmmaking is bolstered by some terrific performances, most notably Millicent Simmonds as a deaf daughter assuming the role of family protector in the wake of her father's death." Screen Daily

**SPIRIT UNTAMED** - DreamWorks Animation PG 88 MIN - PREVIEW!

**WRATH OF MAN** - R 118 MIN - "Ritchie pulls together an impressively determined thriller that sticks...Wrath of Man is the best, bloodiest surprise of the year so far." Globe and Mail

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MAY 29	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
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**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.

**3 Give Customers Options** - 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.

We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.

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