

# Spirit of the Siuslaw Award nominations now open

Siuslaw Watershed Council is seeking nominations for an individual, group or organization to receive its highest honor, the Spirit of the Siuslaw Award.

Annually, an individual, group or organization who especially exemplifies work on watershed health and involving human and natural resources within our region is chosen by the Siuslaw Watershed Council Board of Directors for this award. This award will be presented at the council's July 2021 public General Meeting via Zoom.

The community is invit-

ed to submit nominations by emailing watershed@siuslaw.org by June 30, 2021. People should include contact information and the contact information for their nominee.

In the nomination, tell the Siuslaw Watershed Council why you think the person or organization is a good candidate; based on their qualities, attributes, and contributions to watershed restoration or protection in the Siuslaw Basin or Coastal Lakes.

For more information on the Spirit of Siuslaw Award, visit [www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org).

# Lane County Planning Commission seeks 3 members

There are three vacant positions on the Lane County Planning Commission and applications to fill those positions are being accepted now. Applicants must be residents of Lane County.

The open positions include: a representative of the Lane County's Coastal area; a representative who lives within an incorporated city; an at-large representative. The Coastal area is defined as west of the eastern boundary of the Mapleton School District.

The Lane County Planning Commission is a 9-member advisory board that makes recommen-

dations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding land use, comprehensive plan issues and amendments, as well as other regional planning issues. The group generally meets twice per month in the evenings.

"How we implement our comprehensive plan and issues related to land use is how we build our community for ourselves and future generations," said Lane County Planning Director Amber Bell.

To learn more or download an application, visit [www.lanecounty.org/](http://www.lanecounty.org/) volunteer.

# Chamber initiates new banner program

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Florence, Central Lincoln PUD and Three Rivers Casino Resort, is preparing to hang festive, colorful banners on power poles along the Highway 101 corridor and at the casino.

But first, they need some design ideas. The person submitting the winning design suite could win \$1000.

"The chamber is pleased to launch this program to catch drivers' attention at the casino and through our Highway 101 corridor, get them to slow down a little, and help direct visitors to stop, shop, eat, play, and stay here in Oregon's Coastal Playground," explained Chamber President/CEO Bettina Hannigan. "Four million cars pass through Florence on Highway 101 every year. We want to capture some of those visitor dollars for our economy. When we do, everyone benefits."

The chamber's call-to-artists to submit design ideas closes June 14. To

learn more and submit designs, entrants are directed to [FlorenceChamber.com/FlorenceBannerArtistCall](http://FlorenceChamber.com/FlorenceBannerArtistCall).

"This will be in harmony with our installation of those 120 magnificent flower baskets that adorn Old Town and Highway 101 from the bridge to Highway 126; but the banner project goes farther, all the way up to Fred Meyer," Hannigan said. "It's also part of the new streetscape improvements on Highway 101, and a way to bring a little joy, celebrate optimism and good will and mark our cautious steps toward the restoration of tourism."

Under normal circumstances, tourism employs approximately 1,900 of the 4,600 people working in Florence and pumps about \$147 million into the Florence area economy. The average tourist spends about \$175 per day when they stay in town overnight.

"By hanging these banners along the new 101 streetscape, at the casino, and uptown, we will give

all drivers and pedestrians a positive impression of our community, and that helps commerce in our area," Hannigan added.

Jo Beaudreau, of Beaux-Arts Fine Art Materials & Gallery at 2285 Highway 101 in the Coastal Fitness Plaza, is helping drive the initiative.

She said the program will include six primary themes and three sizes to hang in different locations. Banners will rotate seasonally and feature the themes "Shop, Eat, Stay, Play," "Oregon's Coastal Playground" and "Florence," to coincide with the Chamber's other tourism marketing messages.

"The project will be adaptive and expandable in the future to include additional seasonal changes, events, and more. It will be a fabulous way to connect more resources of our community in a cohesive, positive fashion. Drivers will see our obvious community pride and understand that there is a bounty of fun things to do in and around Florence. They'll see why this is in-

deed Oregon's Coastal Playground," Beaudreau said.

The program is possible through a partnership between community stakeholders — the chamber, the city, Central Lincoln, businesses, civic clubs and individuals — that will invest in this program.

Those interested in sponsoring banners can visit the Events tab at [FlorenceChamber.com](http://FlorenceChamber.com).

"This is also an exciting way to showcase local public art and design talent. We're launching this to our community first, but the call-to-artists will eventually go statewide," Beaudreau added. "We hope to receive the best designs from right here in Florence. We also want to show that art and the public display of art, even when functional in nature as these banners are, is worth compensating."

For more information on the banner project, joining the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, or how to volunteer, contact Hannigan at 541-997-3128.

# Veterans to honor Memorial Day with wreath ceremony

Florence Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3232 is sponsoring a Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence on Monday, May 31, at 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. The program will include the laying of Memorial Wreaths in the Siuslaw River by the U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.

If people would like to memorialize a relative or

friend who was lost in combat with a wreath, they are welcome to bring wreaths to the ceremony.

For more information, contact VFW Post 3232 Commander Fred Burns at 541-999-8348.

# Register now for 'Fore! Kids' Golf Classic

The Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County's 24th annual "Fore! Kids" Golf Classic sponsored by Banner Bank is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at Florence Golf Links.

Entry into the 4-person scramble is \$90 per player, including opportunities to participate in the Hole-In-One Challenges and Million Dollar Shoot Out, awards luncheon and more. All proceeds help fund the Boys and Girls Summer Program for the kids in Florence and the surrounding area.

On the day of the class, team check-in starts at 8 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, depending on COVID restrictions.

Register by calling or emailing Pat Bennett at 209-986-4793 or [pat@pebennettco.com](mailto:pat@pebennettco.com).

Entry forms are also available at Florence Golf Links, 1201 35th St., or the Boys and Girls Club, 1501 Airport Rd.

Ending the day on a high note is the 10th annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop, sponsored by Fairway Estates, Chad Clement, D.D.S., and R & R King Logging. The ball closest to the pin will receive \$1,000 cash.

For further information, call the Boys and Girls Club at 541-902-0304.



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

To include your organization in this directory, please call us @ 541-997-3441

<p><b>BAHA'I FAITH OF FLORENCE</b> Ongoing Devotions, Study Circles, Services To The Community, Informal Gatherings. For Information, Visit Us On Facebook: Baha'i Community of Florence, Oregon Or Phone 541-590-0779</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS</b> 2705 Munsel Lake Road, All are welcome! Zoom Worship Services: 10 AM &amp; 11:30 AM Sunday. Bishop Larry Farnsworth 541-999-1979</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4590 Hwy. 101, Across from Fred Meyer — 997-7418 Sunday School, 9:30a.m. – Worship, 10:45 Wed. Prayer - 6:00 p.m. – Wed. Ministries 1-8 Grade 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Corner of 10th &amp; Maple- 541-997-3533 Sunday Services are 9am and 11am and on Facebook live and KCST at 11am Wednesdays at 7pm <a href="https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online">https://www.florencecrossroadag.org/church-online</a> Other platforms update after the service. <a href="mailto:florencecrossroadag.org">florencecrossroadag.org</a> <a href="mailto:office@florencecrossroadag.org">office@florencecrossroadag.org</a></p> <p><b>FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 2nd &amp; Ivy - 541-997-2961 - Non-Denominational Service is on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service also streaming live at 10:00 am at <a href="http://florencechurch.com">florencechurch.com</a></p> <p><b>FLORENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pre-Denominational (Romans 16:16) 1833 Tamarack Street (2 blocks east of Hwy. 101 on 18th St.) Bible Study: Sunday 10 a.m.; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m. <a href="http://www.churchofchristflorence.org">www.churchofchristflorence.org</a></p> <p><b>FLORENCE EVANGELICAL CHURCH</b> 1318 Rhododendron Dr. • 541-997-2523 Sunday Service 11am (Children Sunday School) Mid-Week Activities, all ages.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> 4445 Hwy 101 (South of Fred Meyer) – 997-3951 Worship on Saturday 11:00 A.M. Adult/Children's Sabbath School 10:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP</b> 87738 Hwy 101 at Heceta Beach Road RUAAU? All are welcome to explore the answer. Until it is safe to meet in person, Sunday Worship Services are available 24/7 on our website: <a href="http://www.florenceuuf.org">www.florenceuuf.org</a></p>	<p><b>FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 2nd &amp; Kingwood • (541) 997-6025 Link to Sunday services at <a href="http://www.florenceunitedmethodist.org">www.florenceunitedmethodist.org</a> or find us on Facebook.</p> <p><b>FOURSQUARE CHURCH</b> 1624 Highway 101 (next to A&amp;W) — 997-6337 Pastor George Pagel – Something for the entire family. Sun. Services: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study returns this Fall. Website: <a href="http://florence4square.com">florence4square.com</a></p> <p><b>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN E.L.C.A.</b> 21st &amp; Spruce Streets—997-8113 Pastor Jim Abbott, All are welcome. Sunday in-person worship service@ 10:30. Also available to you on website <a href="http://www.florencenewlifelutheran.org">www.florencenewlifelutheran.org</a>.</p> <p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW</b> 3996 N Hwy 101 541-997-7136 Internet and in person Sunday services at 10AM, Call the church for details. Reverend Greg Wood All Welcome. Come as you are.</p> <p><b>RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)</b> "War is still not the answer." FCNCL We meet Sunday's at 11am in our homes. Call 408-482-1141 or 541-997-4237 for locations.</p> <p><b>RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, L.C.M.S.</b> Worship Services 10am 1st &amp; 2nd Sunday and 8am 3rd &amp; 4th Sunday 85294 Hwy. 101 S. – 997-8038 DVD of Weekly worship service available. <a href="http://www.puppro.wixite.com/rlcflorence">www.puppro.wixite.com/rlcflorence</a></p> <p><b>ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Welcomes you to Worship Services Sunday at 9am and Wednesday at 11am 2135 19th St. – 997-6600 Reservations Required Call or Email <a href="mailto:standrewssecretary19@gmail.com">standrewssecretary19@gmail.com</a> Labyrinth &amp; Garden Open Daily 8am - 5pm <a href="http://www.standrewsflorence.org">www.standrewsflorence.org</a></p> <p><b>SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF THE DUNES CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 1.5 miles south of river on Hwy 101 – 997-2312 COVID-19 Compliant Masses have been scheduled. Please call our office for details.</p>
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Give us a call 541-997-3441 to get your updates or email to: [mberg@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:mberg@thesiuslawnews.com)

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Volunteers are an integral part of the hospice team whether it's providing companionship to a patient, offering support to family and caregivers, assisting the office team, or participating in community outreach; the contributions of our volunteers are essential to our hospice program.

Call 541-844-0151- ask for Volunteer Coordinator or email us at [Paget.Yannelli@bristolhospice.com](mailto:Paget.Yannelli@bristolhospice.com)

**YOU can build hope!**

Florence Habitat for Humanity is looking for construction volunteers, from seasoned builders to no experience at all, we will show you how! For more info call Ivy 541-902-9227.




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Call 541-997-5057 to Volunteer



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## Siuslaw Pioneer Museum seeks docents

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St., is looking for docents — volunteers to greet visitors — from the community. If six to eight people would be willing to volunteer four hours of their time each month, this would allow the museum to open for a day.

Currently, the museum is open noon to 4 p.m. on days when it opens. It has enough docents to be open two days each week as long as volunteers are available.

For more information, call 541-997-7884 or visit the museum on Facebook