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'Until the need isn't there anymore'

Lane County, partners provide drive-thru vaccine clinic

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On July 10, Lane County Public Health held its second drive-through vaccine clinic at Siuslaw Middle School. The first was held in June.

According to officials from Lane County Public Health's COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team, 13 people were vaccinated that day. As of July 15, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recorded 10,170 people in the Florence area who have had at least one vaccine shot thus far.

Around 12 volunteers from a cohort of organizations and Lane County Search and Rescue gathered to help make it happen.

The drive-through vaccine clinic is targeted to all communities along the Oregon Coast and is a state-wide event, according to Nancy Berge with The Arc Lane County's Families Connected.

The agencies in Lane County who helped organize and volunteer at the clinic included the Autism Society of Oregon, Oregon Family Support Network, Early Childhood CAREs, The Arc and Families Connected.

The drive-through clinic will proceed every three weeks "until the need isn't there anymore," said Berge.

The following event will be at the end of the month on Saturday, July 30, from 11 to 2 p.m., again at Siuslaw Middle School, 2525 Oak St.

Berge said the drive-through system was intentional to accommodate mobility and behavioral circumstances, allowing all people the opportunity to get vaccinated from inside their vehicles. Further, a Latinx Spanish speaker was present at



Multiple agencies have partnered with Lane County Public Health's COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team to bring a drive-through clinic to Siuslaw Middle School every three weeks.

the clinic for translation.

"The premise of creating this event was to reach rural as well as marginalized communities in the coastal area," Berge said. "Families can then access and eliminate any barriers they may have."

The COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Team said the vaccines available at the clinics are the Johnson & Johnson single-dose and Pfizer, which requires a second shot.

All ages over 12 are eligible with walk-ins welcome and pre-registration is not required. Lane County Public Health provides the vaccine regardless of immigration or insurance status.

Other clinics in the Lane County region continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines. To schedule an appointment, visit lanecounty.org/vaxclinics.

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Spruce Point reports outbreak

BY GEORGE HENRY/COAST RADIO
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On Thursday, Lane County Public Health (LCPH) began to alert the community about an outbreak of COVID-19 at Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care in Florence.

"Currently, we have 19 residents and six staff members who have tested positive via rapid antigen test," LCPH Public Information Officer Jason Davis said.

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City Committees hold meetings in July

Transportation, Planning meet

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

As the Florence City Council prepares to return to in-person public meetings next week, both the Planning Commission (PC) and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met virtually this week, while the Public Art Committee (PAC) cancelled its meeting scheduled for July 12.

All Transportation Committee members were in attendance at the July 8 regular meeting as City Senior Planner Roxanne Johnston facilitated a discussion which primarily reviewed the suggestions being made to amend the committee's workplan.

During her review and following the limited reports from TAC Sub-Committees, Johnston raised one traffic-related issue which had risen to the level where some type of action was being considered.

"We have been asked to address safety at intersections, line of sight

so to speak, that include overgrown vegetation. As you know, as you drive around town there are times when you can't see around the corner. That's an issue, a code enforcement issue," she said. "The thought was, if we raise awareness, we could work through all of that and get some of these lots cleared up, and maybe we can create some educational flyers for that."

Josh Haring, one of the longest serving members of the TAC, agreed.

"What we were thinking was a letter that might go out and just let them (residents) know what is going on, this is what the code says. So, it needs to be cut back and if not, the code says you can be fined for it," he said.

Among the committee members, there seemed to be a consensus that this was a reasonable step for TAC to take and the discussion moved forward.

Next, at Haring's urging, the issue of transportation provided to some local assisted living facilities was discussed.

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Lane County invites input on Climate Action Plan

BY MARK BRENNAN
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Lane County is currently in the process of developing a long-term Climate Action Plan (CAP). One of the central components of the final draft, which will be presented to county commissioners for consideration, is public engagement.

The Lane County Commissioners have decided to include the public in many steps of the process and, to that end, the county has set up a Climate Advisory Committee (CAC) to coordinate the different parts of the plan to engage the public. These include an online survey and a series of virtual meetings to discuss various aspects of the multi-pronged approach needed to address the many issues related to developing a CAP.

The second of these virtual meetings took place on Tuesday evening and focused on energy used in buildings and renewables. The format for the forums is casual, with participants sharing observations, anecdotes and thoughts on the designated subject.

Mark Nystrom is the Climate

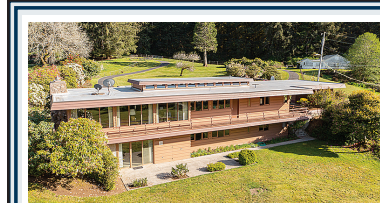
Strategist for Lane County and he is coordinating not only the virtual meetings but the overall development of the CAP.

"I was really happy with the way the meeting came together. There were a lot of great ideas shared and I really appreciated the comments of so many concerned residents that are willing to talk about all of the issues related to greenhouse gas emissions," Nystrom said.

One of the programs which was mentioned as a potential model for increasing the number of homes with some form of renewable energy was spearheaded by Central Lincoln Public Utility District in 2019. This program offered lowest cost installation of solar panels for CLPUD customers to supplement their purchase of electricity. Once publicized, the program was embraced by area residents and all of the available solar units were claimed.

"We hear so much bad news about climate change, so we need to grab onto these kinds of inspirational stories and see if we can

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