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Development adds 12 new homes to Florence

DevNW's Keener Place begins occupancy



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DevNW has officially opened Keener Place, 1424 Airport Road, for occupancy, bringing 12 "cottage cluster" style homes to Florence and creating affordable housing with a community land trust.

By MARK BRENNAN
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A local housing project will provide brand-new housing for 12 families in the heart of Florence. DevNW's development, located at 1424 Airport Road, was recently completed and is in the process of being fully occupied.

DevNW is a nonprofit that was created in 2019 when Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) and Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services

(WNHS) united to better help Oregon communities in the long term with housing and community living standards issues.

Together, the two organizations have 60 years of experience in housing related matters. Basically, DevNW helps people find and own or renovate homes, start small businesses, revitalize neighborhoods and achieve other overarching life goals.

One of DevNW's primary missions is to facilitate access to affordable housing and to provide

other pathways to homeownership for more moderate income earners, which is fully aligned with the Airport Road Project.

Luis Mendoza coordinated many aspects of the housing project and provided an update as most families whom purchased homes have already taken up residence or are in the process of moving in.

"DevNW's development of 12 new Community Land Trust (CLT) homes, known as Keener Place Cottages, was built in partnership
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NOV. 2 SPECIAL ELECTION

Readers looking for results from the Nov. 2 Special Election in Lane County will find them online now at www.TheSiuslawNews.com. Results were made public last night beginning at 8 p.m., after the paper's print deadline, and will be in Saturday's print edition of the *Siuslaw News*.

Lane County Elections will continue to provide updates on the results until all ballots are processed.

Dunes City Planning adds another public hearing

By MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The October Dunes City Council meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 28 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum, but the Planning Commission meeting also scheduled for that evening took place, with a full room of individuals in attendance and others watching through TV and online.

A proposed change to Dunes City Code, in the form of Ordinance 255, brought the group together.

The issue of whether to even hold the meeting was a subject of debate leading up to the meeting and was the first subject discussed, as there were a number of citizens who objected to holding the public meeting during what many consider to be a dangerous time with COVID-19 still active in the community.

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Halloween 2021 'a real treat'



Events all over town allowed trick-or-treaters a renewed opportunity to dress up, meet with friends and get candy this weekend. Whether going door to door to area homes and businesses, stopping by several trunk or treats or visiting the 10 organizations participating in the Kiwanis Drive-Thru Trick or Treat, area youth got a real bounty this year. The festivities continue this week with Siuslaw News' annual Halloween Costume Contest. People can submit via thesiuslawnews.secondstreetapp.com/SNHalloween2021/ for the chance to win a \$50 gift card. *See more pictures on page 5A.*

Lane County announces Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for kids 5-11

Pending final federal and state approval, local providers & Lane County ready to go

In anticipation of full federal and state approval later this week for the Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years of age, Lane County Public Health (LCPH) is announcing information for parents and guardians.

Over the past few months, Lane County has been working with local pediatric and family care practices, pharmacies, community-based organizations and schools to develop a comprehensive strategy to meet the demand for pediatric vaccinations in the first few weeks of availability.

LCPH estimates that Lane County is home to approximately 25,000 children aged 5 to 11. While national surveys suggest that about one third of parents will seek vaccinations for

newly eligible children as soon as possible, the Lane County pediatric partnership has developed capacity to meet a demand of 40 percent — approximately 10,000 kids — within the first several weeks of eligibility.

"Pediatric offices remain the best place to seek regular vaccinations," said Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County's Public Health Officer, "and I'm so impressed by the efforts that pediatric and family care practices have implemented to provide vaccinations rapidly, including evening and weekend hours. But we recognize that not every parent will be able to access vaccinations this way, so we've worked with other providers, including pharmacies, and we've developed our own

operational capacity through our COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center."

Lane County has designed multiple clinic models to meet individual needs:

- Indoor clinics at the Lane Events Center Auditorium that will ultimately have the capacity for over 400 children per day;
- School-based clinics in partnership with Lane Education Services District and Lane County's 16 school districts operating in the afternoons and evenings following regular school dismissal; and
- Community-led pediatric clinics in partnership with our community-based organization partners to ensure vaccine equity.

"We've developed a strategy to fully vaccinate nearly 4,000 kids before the end of 2021," said Dr. Jocelyn Warren, Lane County's Public Health Administrator. "As this group of younger kids becomes eligible for vaccinations, we intend to provide an added level of attention and care in our operations. Our incredible staff and many of our volunteer Community Immunity Corps that provided mass vaccinations earlier this year are now ready to serve the children and families of Lane County. We're so grateful for the incredible outpouring of volunteerism that continues to power our community wide efforts to protect all from COVID-19."

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