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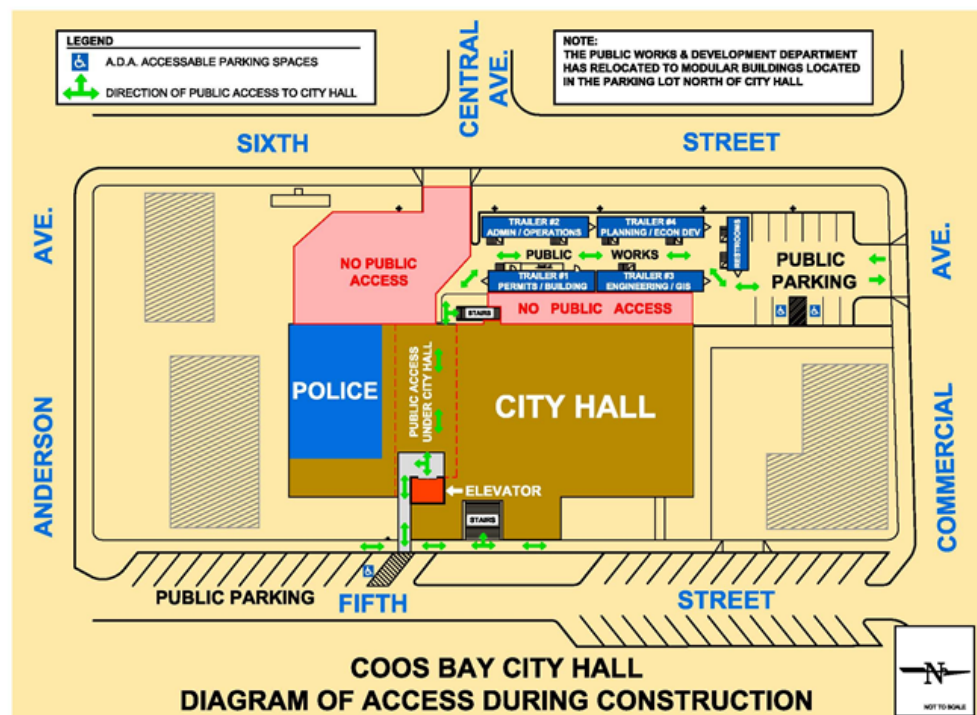
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March 2012

City Hall is abuzz with construction activity (literally...hammer drills, saws, jack hammers, etc.)! While the project is on schedule, we have had to move a few of the departments around during this phase of the construction project. The map located at the bottom of the page was created to help people find their way around City Hall as it can be a little confusing finding the department you need.

Access to services at Coos Bay City Hall has changed due to the construction project for the seismic upgrade. Relocation of City services includes the Police Department and Public Works and Development. The Police Department is now located in the south side of City Hall where Public Works and Development was previously. The Public Works and Development Department has relocated outside of City Hall into modular buildings located in the Northwest parking lot.



Public parking for City Hall will be located on Fifth Street in front of City Hall and in the Northwest parking lot adjacent to the modular buildings. Parking in this lot can be accessed from Commercial Avenue. ADA compliant spaces are available on both Fifth Street and in the Northwest parking lot accessed off Commercial Avenue.

In this addition of City News, you will find information on the 2012 City Council Goals (page 2), a safety message from the Fire Department (page 3), information on Oregon's crosswalk laws (page 4), resources at the library to help learn a foreign language (page 5), preparing for a Tsunami (pages 6 & 7), information on Parks Master Plan update (pages 8) and upcoming City meetings (page 9).

The City Council is scheduled to adopt their 2012 Council Goals at the March 6th Council Meeting. Below are the five main overarching goals and their corresponding top goal priorities. The 2012 Council Goals, priorities and the approved short range, long range, and ongoing activities aimed at achieving those goals can be found at <http://www.coosbay.org/cb/aboutcb/CityGoals.htm>.

Citizen Education & Involvement	<p>Goal: Educate, cultivate, and encourage public participation in City government.</p> <p>Top Goal Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Educate citizens on the roles and activities of City government. ✓ Encourage citizen input and volunteerism in City government
Infrastructure & Services	<p>Goal: To maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure and provide quality services for current and future citizens.</p> <p>Top Goal Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain staffing levels to adequately provide core services. ✓ Ensure that the City can protect and enhance the useful life of streets, utilities, and facilities. ✓ Ensure staff is properly equipped and trained to deliver city services to those who work, live, and visit the City of Coos Bay.
Economic Development & City Revitalization	<p>Goal: To create a vibrant community for City citizens and entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Top Goal Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To promote and assist in the revitalization of the Downtown and Empire URA Districts in an effort to provide development opportunities for businesses and industry. ✓ To coordinate with our economic development partners in an effort to attract, retain, and promote expansion of local business opportunities.
Finance	<p>Goal: To adopt and maintain a sustainable budget that reflects City priorities and realizes current economic conditions.</p> <p>Top Goal Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide a sustainable level of core services, meet regulatory requirements, and contribute to a stated goal within budgetary constraints of predictable revenue. ✓ Maintain public trust and confidence by utilizing resources in the most efficient manner possible.
City Policies & Procedures	<p>Goal: To review and evaluate the City Charter, ordinances, and policies to provide for the current and future needs of the citizens.</p> <p>Top Goal Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evaluate the City Charter, ordinances, and policies to efficiently address the needs of the businesses and citizens in a cost effective and timely manner. ✓ Evaluate the City Charter, ordinances, and policies for compliance with existing and revised federal and state regulatory agency rules.

2012 Council Goals

Fire Safety Message

Earlier this year, the members of the Coos Bay Fire & Rescue conducted what is known as a “Burn to Learn” exercise on a home in Eastside which was scheduled to be demolished. The purpose of the exercise was to provide training to the members of the department under realistic conditions. During the training event, firefighters practiced the following:

- Exterior fire attack
- Water supply management
- Rescue skills
- Ventilation techniques
- Exposure protection activities

While actively training to hone their firefighting skills is important, another vital focus at the department is fire prevention and education.

Did you know that roughly two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors? Working smoke detectors cut the risk of dying in a reported house fire in **half!** The following are some important smoke detector safety tips:

- ❖ **INSTALL** smoke detectors inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement.
- ❖ Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke detectors to provide enough protection.
- ❖ For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke detectors so when one sounds they all sound.
- ❖ An **IONIZATION** smoke detector is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke detector is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of detectors or a combination ionization and photoelectric smoke detector (also known as dual sensor detectors) are recommended.
- ❖ Smoke detectors should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least ten feet away from a cooking appliance.
- ❖ All smoke detectors should be **TESTED** at least once a month using the test button.
- ❖ **Replace** all smoke detectors when they are ten years old.



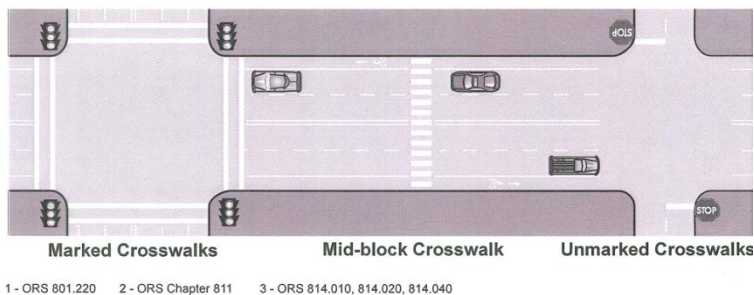
Making Sense of the Oregon Crosswalk Laws

It's not uncommon for people to call the Police Department or to ask a police officer they see for clarification on Oregon's crosswalk laws. As there have been several changes in recent years, it can be a bit confusing. Without a doubt, the designed purpose for those changes are to increase pedestrian safety and lower the number of motor vehicle and pedestrian crashes, and the resulting injuries and deaths associated with those crashes.

Based on the 2010 statistics, (most recent year available) the number of pedestrian deaths rose, after four years of decline. On the average, there are more than six million car accidents in the U.S. each year, resulting in more than 30,000 fatalities and three million injuries. Pedestrians account for nearly 12% of fatalities annually (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

What's the law?

1. A crosswalk exists at any public street intersection whether marked with paint or unmarked.
2. Crosswalks also exist between intersections (mid-block) only if they are marked with white painted lines.
3. Under Oregon laws, a driver has specific duties to a pedestrian in a crosswalk whether marked or unmarked.

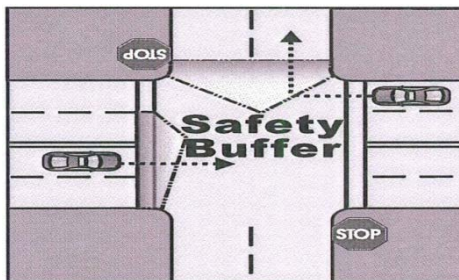


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3. Pedestrians are required to obey traffic signals and walk (cross) safely.
4. When turning at a traffic signal, drivers must stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane into which your vehicle is turning and at least six feet of the next lane.
5. At any other crosswalks, whether marked with paint or unmarked drivers must:
 - a. Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane in which you are traveling (or into which you are turning) and the next lane.
 - b. Stop and remain stopped for students as you are directed by a crossing guard.
 - c. Stop and remain stopped for a blind pedestrian using a white cane or a guide dog until the pedestrian is completely across the roadway.



The above diagram depicts a controlled intersection with a signal and the pedestrian buffer: *the lane you are turning into PLUS six feet.*



The above diagram depicts a controlled or uncontrolled intersection (without signal) and the pedestrian buffer: *the lane you are in or about to turn into PLUS an additional lane.*

The Coos Bay Library Offers More Than Just Books!

If you are travelling to a foreign country or just want to learn a few phrases of another language, the Coos Bay Public Library has just what you need. The library offers Mango Languages to all patrons with just a current library card. You create an account through Mango, and you can instantly start learning another language. The program tracks your progress and time spent on lessons.

Mango is easy to navigate, and the learning pace is comfortable for all. Mango uses common, everyday conversations as the basis of each lesson, so patrons will be able to start using and appreciating what they learn right away. Mango employs a comprehensive methodology that includes all four key-language components - vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. The program also offers a variety of interactive tools to make learning fun. Currently there are 38 languages available to explore - everything from Spanish to Pirate.



For more information contact the Coos Bay Public Library at 541-269-1101, ext. 238.



Hours

Library:

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday – Saturday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday – Closed

Book Store:

Wednesday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Friday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Saturday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm



The City of Coos Bay values YOUR input!

The Public Works and Development Department depends on you to help us plan your parks, recreation assets, and other green spaces (collectively known as Open Space). No Master Plan can be successful without the assistance of the community users to identify public needs, desires, and concerns.

Every 10 – 15 years, the City evaluates its philosophy and objectives through a comprehensive planning update process. Because the current Parks Master Plan was effective from 1987 – 1991 it is time to begin another review.

The Parks Master Plan is an Open Space Comprehensive Plan and it is intended to help meet the needs of current and future residents. The City accomplishes this goal by identifying the existence of new and future opportunities while positioning itself in a manner that shapes the community's unique parks and recreation assets.

This citizen-driven plan establishes a clear direction that guides city staff, advisory committees, and elected officials in their efforts to enhance the community's parks and recreation programs, services and facilities.



PARKS MASTER PLAN

Parks Master Plans / Open Space Comprehensive Plans are created so that a City has an established framework upon which to base decisions and actions related to the use of land.

The last Parks Master Plan for the City of Coos Bay was created in 1987 and it is time to begin another review.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal of *Better Parks through Community Participation*.

We Welcome and encourage all comments and suggestions.

Please send your input via e-mail to:
rdixon@coosbay.or

Or by post to:
Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator
City of Coos Bay Public Works
500 Central Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420

March 2012 is Earthquake & Tsunami Awareness Month in Oregon

OregonTsunami.org "We cannot prevent a tsunami, but we can prepare for one."

Presented by The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)



At the rally you will....

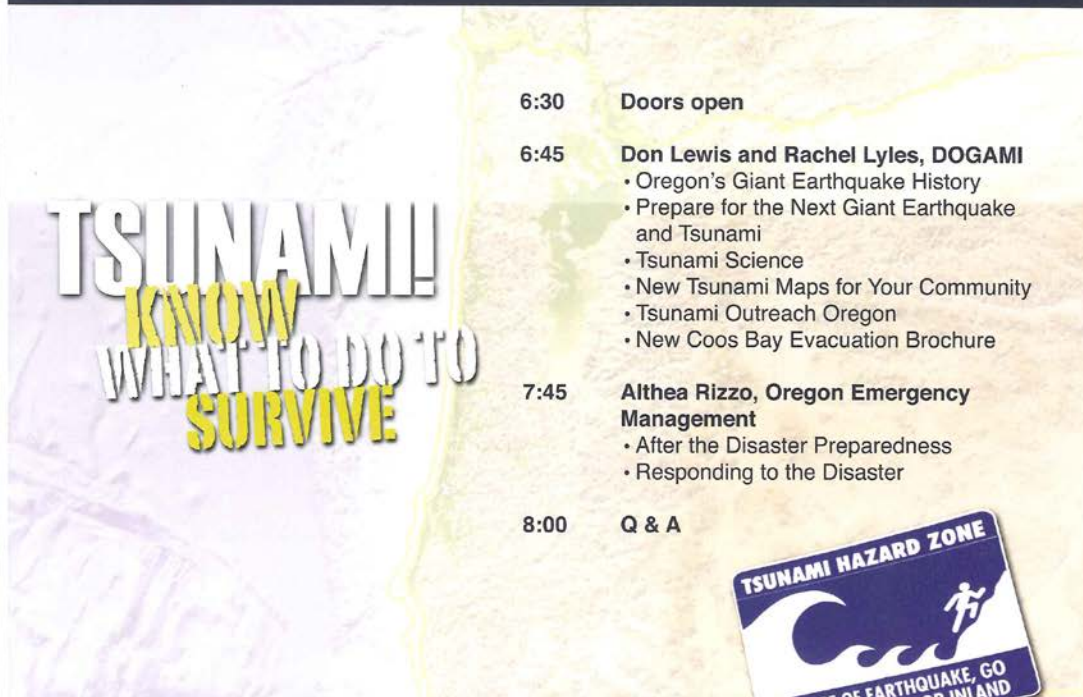
- ☒ Learn from the Tohoku, Japan earthquake and tsunami
- ☒ Prepare for a tsunami *now*
- ☒ Get the *new* Coos Bay Peninsula Tsunami Evacuation Brochure
- ☒ Talk with your local CERT team and representatives from the American Red Cross, National Weather Service, Oregon Emergency Management, and the local Ham Radio Group

COOS BAY AREA **TSUNAMI** COMMUNITY RALLY

March 22nd, 6:30 - 8:30 PM



North Bend Community Center
2222 Broadway Street
North Bend, OR 97459



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| 6:30 | Doors open |
| 6:45 | Don Lewis and Rachel Lyles, DOGAMI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon's Giant Earthquake History • Prepare for the Next Giant Earthquake and Tsunami • Tsunami Science • New Tsunami Maps for Your Community • Tsunami Outreach Oregon • New Coos Bay Evacuation Brochure |
| 7:45 | Althea Rizzo, Oregon Emergency Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the Disaster Preparedness • Responding to the Disaster |
| 8:00 | Q & A |



For more information please contact your local
Tsunami Outreach Oregon
Community Coordinators:

Lindsey Bishop (971) 221-2508
Mikel Chavez (503) 936-7767

TSUNAMI OUTREACH OREGON 2012 CALENDAR

- **February 22, 6:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Presentation-Making a Family Plan Workshop.

- **March 7, 6:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Presentation and 72 Hour Kit Workshop.

- **March 10, 2:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Children's Outreach Event: The Coquille Indian Oral Tradition about Earthquakes and Tsunami by Don Ivy and Presentation by Tsunami Outreach Oregon.

- ☑ **March 22, 6:30 pm:** North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway. *Tsunami Outreach Oregon Community Rally featuring Don Lewis, Rachel Lyles, George Priest and Althea Rizzo. How to Survive a Tsunami information, New Community Inundation Maps, Booths featuring NOAA, Community Emergency Response Teams, Oregon Red Cross, ARES/RACES Ham Radio Operators and Coos Bay / North Bend Fire Departments.*

- **March 28, 6:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Presentation and Business Disaster Prep Workshop.

- **March 31, 10:00 am:** Horsfall Beach. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Informational Kiosk.

- **April 11, 6:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Presentation and Preparing Your Home for an Earthquake Workshop.

- **April 14, 9 am-3 pm:** Disaster Preparedness Fair. Sunset Middle School. Tsunami Outreach Oregon kiosk and presentation.

- **May 9, 6:00 pm:** North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Tsunami Outreach Oregon Presentation and Becoming a CERT Workshop.

- ☑ **May 31, 2:00 pm:** Coos Bay, North Bend, Charleston Community-Wide Tsunami Evacuation Drill. *Join your neighbors, businesses and schools to find out where and when to go to survive a tsunami.*



City Calendar

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Fire Department
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Library
(541) 269-1101

Public Works &
Development
Department
(541) 269-8918

Economic
Development
(541) 269-8924

Finance Department
(541) 269-8915

City Manager's
Office
(541) 269-8912

- March 6th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtle room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.
- March 6th Coos Bay Urban Renewal Work Session** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtle room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.
- March 7th Tree Board** – The meeting will be held in the Cedar room at the Coos Bay Library and will start at 4:00 pm.
- March 8th Coos Bay / North Bend Visitors Convention Bureau** - The meeting will be held at the Bear Creek room at the Mill Casino and will start at 8:30 am.
- March 8th Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held in the Public Works Conference room at City Hall and will start at 4:00 pm.
- March 13th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtle room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.
- March 20th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtle room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.
- March 20th Coos Bay Urban Renewal** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtle room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.
- March 21st Coos Bay Library Board** – The meeting will be held in the Cedar room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 5:15 pm.
- March 28th Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Coos Bay Visitor's Center and will start at 5:30 pm

**For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall
at (541) 269 – 8912**