

Mayor Crystal Shoji



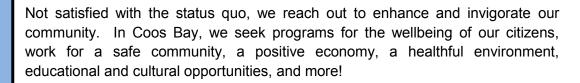
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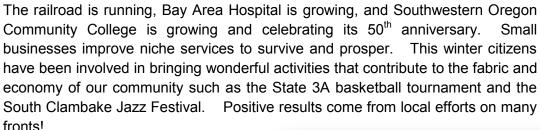


Council President

A message from the Mayor...

Fair Winds







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Councilor Mike Vaughai



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In May, we celebrate our shipbuilding and waterfront heritage with the visits of the Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain May 3 - 14! **Tom Leahy** (541-217-4365) who is organizing "**Tall Ship Days**" informs us that there will be educational tours for youth and a number of activities.

Let's support opportunities to educate our youth in touring the ships and learning about our maritime community and welcome our visitors. Fair Winds!





The Hawaiian Chieftain

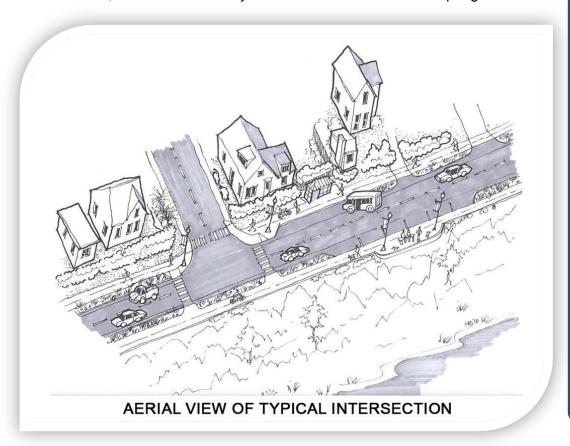
Major Improvements Ahead for South Empire Blvd...

The Oregon Transportation Commission recently approved a list of non-highway projects for \$23.6 million in funding through their Flexible Funds Program. Projects were reviewed and recommended after a months-long process by stakeholders representing various modes and geographic regions around the state.

The City of Coos Bay is pleased to announce it has been awarded \$2.1 million for its "Empire Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project." The purpose of the project is to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety through the widening and overlay of South Empire Blvd from Newmark Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue (city limits), and the installation of bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and lighting on both sides of the street. The project will also include the installation of some viewpoints such as a covered shelter / CCAT bus stop and the creation of some on-street parking along Empire Boulevard.

The \$2.1 million dollar grant will allow Phase I of the project (S Empire Blvd between Newmark Avenue and Fulton Avenue) to move forward. The City has submitted a TIGER IV grant application to help with funding Phase II of the project (S Empire Blvd. between Fulton and just south of Wisconsin Ave). The total cost for Phase I is \$2.7 million dollars which will require a City's match of \$600,000. The cost of Phase II of the project is estimated at \$1.67 million dollars.

Construction can commence upon completion of engineered design plans and ODOT approval of the plans. Construction work could begin as soon as the fall of 2012. However, weather could delay the start of construction until spring of 2013.



City of Coos Bay Seeks Input on Egyptian Theatre ...

During the next two weeks, anyone with an opinion about the future programming of the Egyptian Theatre will have an opportunity to express it.

The City of Coos Bay hired the firm *Historic Theatre Consultants* to conduct a market feasibility study of the Egyptian Theatre to help determine the future use and operation of the Egyptian Theatre when it reopens. Theatre patrons and interested area residents are asked to visit the City or the Association's website to complete a short survey about future programming and other improvements.



The City is partnering with the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association (ETPA) on this project that will help guide future programming as well as key amenities needed to attract users and audiences for the reuse of the Theatre. Consultants conducted a site visit March 20-23rd, and it included Herb Stratford a historic theatre consultants of Tucson, AZ, Mary Bosch with Marketek from Portland, and George Kramer a historic preservation consultant of Ashland. During this time, the group met with the local project Steering Committee and Board of ETPA, toured the Theatre, conducted focus groups, interviews and in-store visits with businesses, and visited several other theatre venues in the area.

Lead consultant Herb Stratford commented: "The Egyptian Theatre is a critical component of downtown Coos Bay's future. By understanding the needs and wants of the community and also of the larger region, we can successfully plan for the near future and the long term survival of this spectacular movie palace."

The next steps for the consultants are to survey the needs and interests of potential Egyptian Theatre users—both locally and beyond the South Coast Region and to survey area residents to learn about the types of programming they would like to have. The draft market study will be completed by June 1st; and it will be presented by Herb Stratford to the ETPA Board and project Steering Committee on June 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department meeting room, 450 Elrod Avenue, Coos Bay. The survey is available on-line by visiting the City's website at www.coosbay.org as well as the ETPA's website at www.egyptian-theater.com. City Manager Rodger Craddock commented: "The Egyptian Theatre is an invaluable entertainment anchor in Coos Bay and an important contributor to the vitality of area businesses." The survey will be accessible beginning April 5th through April 20th. For more information contact Economic Development Administrator Joyce Jansen at 541-269-8924.

Gasping at the Price of Gas...



"Every time I drive by the gas station, the price has gone up another few cents, sometimes more!"

How true that statement is, and the end seems nowhere in sight! Unfortunately, the more difficult something becomes to acquire, the more theft "value" it gains. Fuel siphoning (stealing gas from a car's gas tank) happens whether gas is \$2.00 or \$4.00 a gallon; but as the price increases, the chances of it occurring also begin to inch its way up.

Thieves are always on the prowl looking for the easy take, and fuel is becoming such a commodity that it can be very enticing for them. Fortunately, there are some preventive steps that

you can take to avoid being a victim of fuel theft.

A locking gas cap is probably the best defense as it is extremely rare for a thief to put forth the effort required to break into a tank with a locked cap. It can be a slight inconvenience, but to avoid finding you're prematurely on EMPTY, it's a wise investment. Check with your favorite auto supply shop or vehicle dealership for the locking cap that will work for your car.

Many of the same prevention tactics used to prevent car burglaries or thefts can be employed in your fuel theft prevention strategy. Park in areas you believe are generally safe and in a location that is highly visible to passersby and is always well lit. When possible, park your vehicle in a position that allows for maximum visibility of the side of your car that contains the gas cap.

Watch your fuel level. Some victims of fuel theft don't actually realize that they are victims of theft because the person committing the theft removes only very small quantities at a time thinking that you won't notice. Check your fuel gauge before leaving your car and monitor your usage.

One of the best tactics in fuel theft prevention is to "think like a thief." If you can envision a way that they may steal from you, chances are they have thought of that as well, and it's time to put some prevention tactics into action.

The above article is an excerpt from the April 2012 Coos Bay Crime Prevention Connection (CPC). The monthly Crime Prevention Newsletter is a free monthly newsletter which provides crime prevention education and tips, lets you know about crime in our community, and alerts you to upcoming Police Department events. Sign-up to receive your own monthly issue of the CPC NEWSLETTER, via email at http://coosbay.org/police/index.html.

Early Literacy Skills at the Library...

Early literacy is not teaching a child how to read, but developing the skills that will eventually lead to reading and writing. Early literacy is a baby chewing on a board book, a toddler who request the same story over and over, and a child who can "read" that memorized book.

Studies show that the first five years of a child's life is when these early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success with reading. So one of the most important things a person can do for a child is simply read to them. Children should be offered the opportunity to talk and be listened to, read and be read to, and to sing and be sung to. All of this interaction with language will make a future reader by developing early literacy skills.

One first thing to do to raise a reader is to read to them. Even the youngest baby will respond to a lap and a book being read aloud. Visit the library early and often. Libraries not only offer books but story times and other fun activities for children and families. Find reading and writing in everyday tasks. Have your child help make grocery lists, read street signs to them, or have them help figure out a recipe. Another great way to develop the early literacy skills is to talk and talk a lot. A child's vocabulary grows through conversations with others. Narrate what you are doing, talk in full sentences, and use a varied vocabulary. Parents and caregivers don't have to be experts. The simple tasks of reading and conversing with your child can make a world of difference. For more information on raising a reader come to the Coos Bay Public Library.



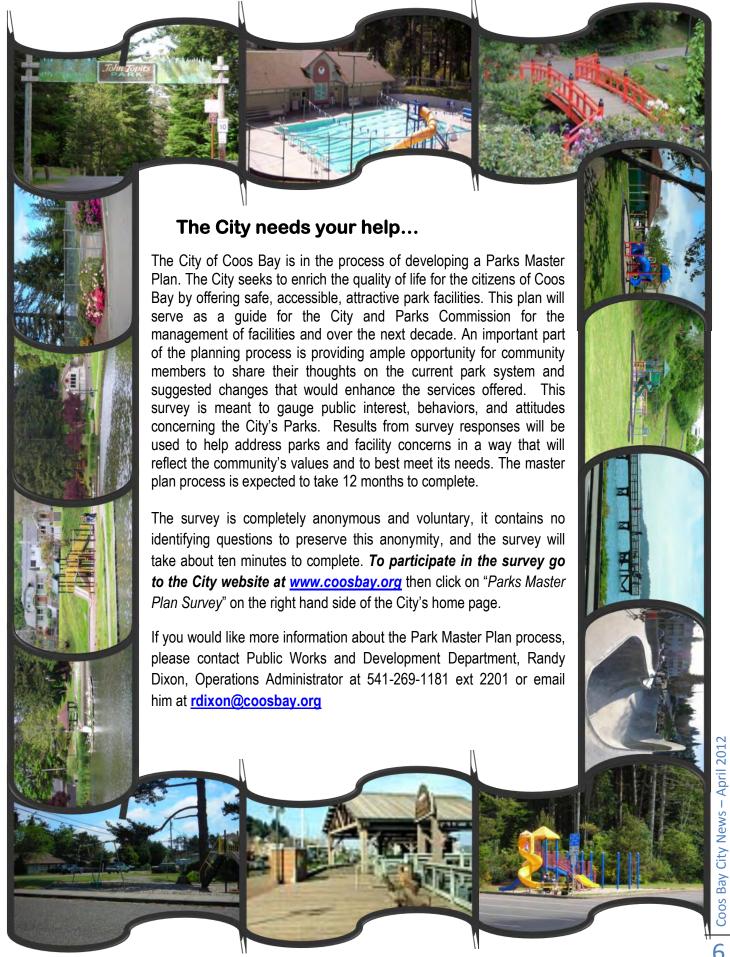
Hours

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



A Word of Caution When Using Generators...

High winds and power outages are a semi-common occurrence here on the Southern Oregon Coast. Gasoline-powered generators can be useful after a storm knocks out power to your home. However, generators also can be deadly if not used properly. Generators emit carbon monoxide a colorless, odorless gas that can be lethal. People have died or been seriously injured due to fires caused by generators. To stay safe, please follow these tips:

- ✓ Always operate a generator outside a home in a ventilated area well away from any windows, doors, vents, and other openings.
- ✓ Purchase a carbon monoxide detector and install it in your home.
- ✓ Never operate a generator on the balcony of a multi-unit building such as an apartment or condominium.
- ✓ Never refuel a generator while it's running or still hot.
- ✓ Never overload the generator.
- Never connect a portable generator to the main electrical panel in your home.
- ✓ Carefully inspect a generator after long storage periods for broken or missing parts and wipe off all dust.
- ✓ Store the generator in a dry, ventilated area with its fuel tank empty.
- ✓ Before storing, clean the generator by removing all oil and dirt.
- ✓ Don't store the generator near fuel supplies.
- ✓ Don't store the generator near appliances such as water heaters or pumps especially if they're gas powered.

Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are flu-like symptoms without fever (such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion). Carbon monoxide poisoning can also result in coma and death. Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas emitted when burning most fuels. Improper operation or placement of alternative heating or power sources can result in poisoning when carbon monoxide gas builds-up in enclosed spaces.

If You Suspect Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

If you or anyone in the home suspects you are being poisoned by carbon monoxide:

- ✓ Leave the house immediately, and then call your local fire department or 911.
- ✓ Seek medical attention by contacting either the Oregon Poison Center (800-222-1222) or your physician after you have left the area where you suspect the carbon monoxide is present.
- Do not go back into the building until you know the CO levels are safe.



Coos Bay Brush Pick Up Begins April 30th!

To be eligible for this free service, please follow these few rules:

- Stack brush out next to the curb prior to April 30th in piles less than 5 feet in length and not more than 5 cubic years.
- Only one brush pile per address.
- No grass clippings, dirt, sod, loose leaves, trash, etc.

For more information call Les' Sanitation at (541) 267-2848 or Coos Bay Sanitation at (541) 267-6675



Brush

4th Annual Coos Bay / North Bend City Clean Up Day April 28, 2012

Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 28, 2012 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend in conjunction with Les' Sanitary and Coos Bay Sanitary will be hosting a Clean Up Day at (4) different locations.

City of Coos Bay and North Bend Residents

- . Dispose of (4) 35-gallon cans of household garbage
- Free with donation of (4) cans of food



BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES TO ANY OF THE LOCATIONS AND RECEIVE A FREE GIFT!



FOUR LOCATIONS:

- 1. South 4th Street Parking Lot (300 Block S. 4th St.) Coos Bay
- 2. Eastside Fire Station Parking Lot (365 D St.) Coos Bay
- 3. Empire Fire Station Parking Lot (189 S. Wall) Coos Bay
- 4. Pony Village Mall (Parking Lot by Ross & Mini Pet Mart) North Bend

Limited to City of Coos Bay and City of North Bend Residents **Proof of Residency Required**

(Current Driver's License or DMV ID Card)

NO TIRES, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, METAL OR HAZARD MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED

ATTENTION COMMUNITY



Coos County Animal Shelter is in need of the following: Kitten Food, Puppy Food and Kitty Litter Donations of these items will be accepted at each of the (4) locations



Any Questions: Please Contact (541) 269-1181 Ext 2267

Coos Bay City News – April 2012

City Calendar

Coos Bay City Hall 500 Central Avenue Coos Bay, OR 97420

www.coosbay.org

April 3rd Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.

April 12th 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.

April 12th **Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Center conference room and will start at 3:00 pm.

April 17th **Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.

- **April 17**th **Coos Bay Urban Renewal** The meeting will be held in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.
- **April 18**th **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.
- **April 19**th **Coos Bay Budget Committee** The meeting will be held at in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.
- **April 24**th Coos Bay Budget Committee The meeting will be held at in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7:00 pm.
- **April 25**th **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
- **April 26**th **Coos Bay Budget Committee** The meeting will be held at in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 7 pm (if not completed on April 24th)

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

Police Department (541) 269-8911

Fire Department (541) 269-1191

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