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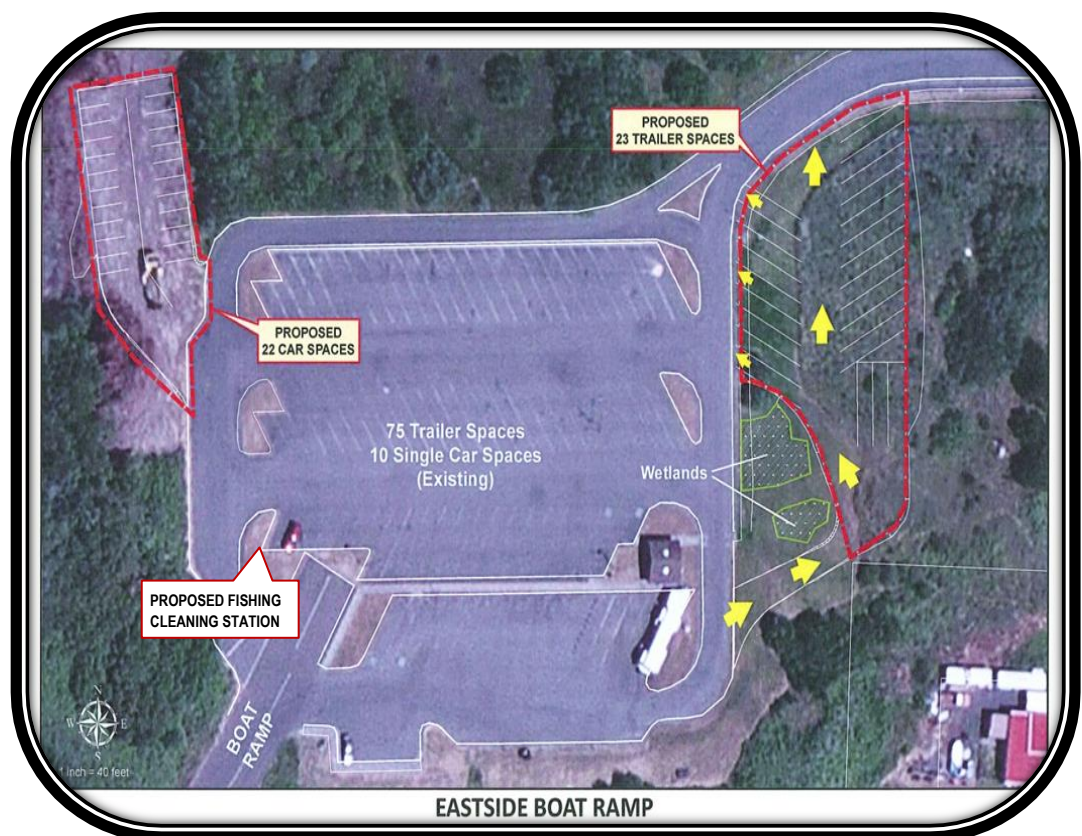


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Just in time for fishing season...

Oregon State Marine Board recently awarded a grant to the City of Coos Bay to aid in the expansion and renovations at the Eastside Boat Ramp Facilities. The grant funds will enable the City to increase the number of parking spaces for single-car and boat trailer parking to help meet demands that occur during the yearly peak salmon fishery seasons from August through November. The project will also include the resurfacing and restriping of the existing parking lot, and a fish cleaning station will be added at the facility. The \$20,000 grant award from the Oregon State Marine Board will be combined with \$141,323 in federal Sport Fish Restoration Funds provided through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and \$64,450 in-kind contributions from the City. The projected total cost of the project is \$225,773. Construction work will begin in June, and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.



Lady Washington & Hawaiian Chieftain are visiting Coos Bay!



THE TALL SHIPS LADY WASHINGTON AND HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAIN ARE VISITING COOS BAY MAY 2-14. THE SHIPS WILL DOCK AT COOS BAY CITY DOCK. TO BUY TICKETS FOR BATTLE, ADVENTURE, AND EVENING SAILS, CALL 800-200-5239 OR VISIT WWW.HISTORICALSEAPORT.ORG.



- **Battle Sails** 2 p.m. Sa/Su 5/5, 6, 12, 13
- **Evening Sails** 6 p.m. 5/5, 5/12 Just \$35!
- **Adventure Sails** 10 a.m. 5/6, 5/13
- **Tours weekdays** 4-5 p.m.
- **Tours Sat/Sun** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Ask about our K-12 edu programs!**

Battle Sails feature a recreation of a 18th century naval skirmish with cannon fire (blanks, of course) and close quarters maneuvers.

Adventure Sails are three-hour, family-oriented experiences.

Evening Sails are a two-hour value-priced experiences. **Dockside Tours** are a chance to explore our ships while they are tied up at the dock (donation requested).

The *Lady Washington* appeared in the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The *Hawaiian Chieftain* serves as *Lady Washington*'s sailing partner.



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Boat Building Center Fundraising event...



In celebration of Tall Ship Days, the Coos Bay Boat Building Center will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, May 12th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Center's facility located at 100 Newmark Avenue. Everyone is invited for an evening of fun, food, music, and a chance to find out more about upcoming programs offered at your Boat Building Center. Special guests for the evening will be crew members from the Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington. Dinner is being provided by the Empire Café and the Confederated Tribes along with a no host bar. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Cost of the ticket is \$50 per person and may be reserved by calling Jim Berg at 541-269-1601 or 541-217-4365.

Tall Ship Days. Lady Washington and her companion ship Hawaiian Chieftain will visit Coos Bay for 13 days in May starting Thursday, May 2nd. Working in partnership with the Coos Bay Boat Building Center, the two ships will offer public sailing programs, educational programs for K-12 students, and public walk-on tours at the Coos Bay City Dock during their stay. On **Friday, May 4th**, the crew of the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will be roaming the streets of Coos Bay during the Friday Wine Walk. Dress up in your favorite pirate garb for the wine walk! Commemorative glasses can be purchased at the wine walk and part of the proceeds will go to the educational sailing excursions program for the Bay Area Students K-12.

On Saturday, **May 5th**, the Coos Bay Downtown Association will sponsor a self-guided treasure hunt that starts on the boardwalk, ending at a treasure chest filled with discounts from participating businesses. There will be a food court, the National Guard will have vehicles on display, and The Y Marina will have a boat show down Central Avenue.

For more information and to purchase advance tickets for evening and battle sails go to <http://www.historicalseaport.org>.

Students lend a helping hand...

Seventeen trees were planted at Mingus Park on April 26th with the help of the students from the Harding Learning Center. The trees (1 Salix Pendula Aurea (Golden Weeping Willow), 3 Betula Jacquemontii (Bright White Bark Birch), 10 Prunus Serrulata Kwanzan (Double Pink Hardy Flowering Cherry) and 2 Betula Purpurea (Purple Leaf Birch) were planted between the path and Mingus Lake.



Arbor Day

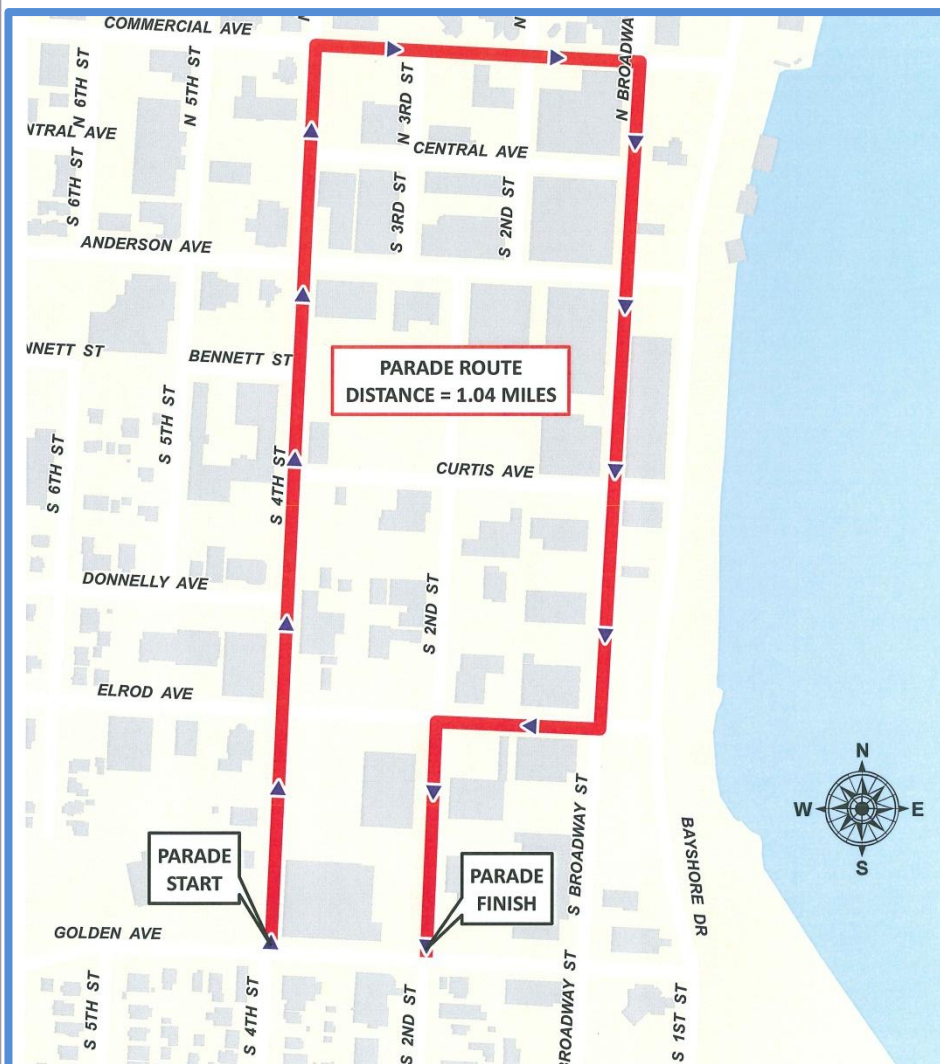


Memorial Day Parade

The Coos Bay Annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee, will be held Saturday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. All citizens who would like to honor these Americans who have served are encouraged to join Coos Bay Mayor Shoji to walk in the Memorial Day Parade. "Rain or shine, it's fun and meaningful to be in of the parade," said Mayor Shoji. "Bring the family and wear your red, white, and blue."

If you would like to join Mayor Shoji in the Memorial Day Parade, please contact Jackie Mickelson in the City of Coos Bay's City Manager's Office at 541-269-8912. For information about having your own entry in the parade, contact Chairperson Bill Kehler at 541-888-6556.



**Honoring those
who gave their all!**

Public Works & Development

Taking aim at invasive species...

On April 23rd and 24th, volunteers from Marshfield High School, Destinations, South Slough Estuary, and AmeriCorps converged on Mingus Park. Working together, volunteers put in over 600 hours and removed 190 cubic yards of invasive species. Work focused around the amphitheater. The removal of the vegetation opened up additional seating and improved the ascetics of the park.



Parks Master Plan...

The City of Coos Bay is in the process of developing a Parks Master Plan. The City seeks to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of Coos Bay by offering safe, accessible, attractive park facilities. This plan will serve as a guide for the City and Parks Commission for the management of facilities over the next decade. A critical component of the planning process is obtaining park related thoughts, concerns, and desires from our community members. A survey has been crafted and community members are encouraged to share their thoughts on the current park system and suggest changes that will enhance the services offered. This survey is meant to gauge public interest, behaviours, and attitudes concerning the City's parks. Results from survey responses will be used to help address parks and facility concerns in a way that will reflect the community's values and best meet its needs. The master plan process is expected to take 12 months to complete. To participate in the survey go to the City website at www.coosbay.org and click on the Parks Master Plan Survey button on the right hand side of the screen. If you would like more information about the Parks Master Plan process, please contact Public Works and Development Department's Operations Administrator Randy Dixon at 541-269-1181 ext 2201 or email him at rdixon@coosbay.org

Downtown Coos Bay

Historic Marker Dedication

You're invited...

The Confederated Tribes sponsored a regional historic marker through the Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC) approximately two years ago. The marker is now complete and ready for installation. OTIC will install the marker in the next week and the dedication will take place on May 19th.

Annie VonDomitz from OTIC worked with representatives from the Confederated Tribe in developing the marker, and the City in selecting a site for the marker.



The dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19th at 11 a.m. The marker will be located on the southeast corner of the Visitor Information Center's south parking lot. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the event.

A picture of the marker will be taken after the dedication. The picture above is the regional marker installed at the Roseburg Visitor Information Center three years ago. Pictured are Annie and members of the OTIC Historic Marker Committee.

The Farmers Market is back...

After a long winter off, the Farmers Market is back; and it can be found every Wednesday on Central Avenue in downtown Coos Bay. The Farmers Market has something for everyone! It's a great place to find fresh fruits and vegetable, homemade baked goods and jams, jellies and candy, along with homemade arts and crafts as well.



The Farmers Market is sponsored by the Coos Bay Downtown Association. For more information on becoming a vendor at this event visit their website at coosbaydowntown.org or email Sarah Crawford at coosbayfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Farmers Market

Graduation....already?

Hard to believe, but it's time for graduation - congratulatory events, activities, and parties. For some their graduation will signify not just the end of high school, but the end of life.

A celebratory occasion can easily spin into a party of alcohol and other dangerous activities. A feeling of being invincible can envelope the new graduate believing that nothing can ruin their special day.

Before a graduation turns into a story of sorrow, **act now** and talk with your graduate about their planned celebrations and the events they are going to participate in. Find opportunities, while keeping in the realm of "fun," by offering alternative events that emphasize an alcohol free environment.



While teens seldom like to hear the harsh realities of operating a vehicle under the influence, it's important they realize the potential consequences. Not only does the chance for injury exist, but can also impact their choice of colleges, student financial aid, employment, and many other opportunities.

Life Preserving Ideas:

- ✓ If planning a party at home, set ground rules on alcohol: not only should it be prohibited at the party, but those showing up intoxicated will not be able to participate and their parents will be called.
- ✓ Keep the keys! If throwing a party, have everyone turn their keys in to the host (responsible adult) who will distribute them as they leave after making sure they have no obvious signs that they "slipped" a drink in at the party. Anyone under the influence will have to get a ride home from someone who is sober.
- ✓ As exciting as the night is, it's important that there be limits. Even a fully energized graduate is going to run out of steam at some point, so setting a realistic "curfew" for the night is a good idea.
- ✓ The reality is that some graduates will participate in parties that do include alcohol, and chances are that you (the responsible adult) are not going to be there! Build a relationship with your child that emphasizes forgiveness and responsibility and affirms that the consequences of driving while intoxicated are far more serious than making a simple call for a ride home.

Want to learn more about the dangers of underage drinking? Visit the Mothers Against Drunk Driving website at www.madd.org.

The above article is an excerpt from the May 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>.*

Demand for free Internet access, research, e-books continues to grow...

Based on new state research as part of a national report, demand for technology resources in public libraries continues to increase reflecting the critical role libraries play as strategic technology partners for digital literacy and local economic development.

Free access to computers and the Internet, computer classes, Wi-Fi, and now, the explosion in e-books are all part of the lexicon at the Coos Bay Public Library. With the high demand for technology resources, along with all the other library services, it's a rare day that there is not a line outside the door before the library opens.

The American Library Association's Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has documented the technology transformation of libraries over the past six years.

The Coos Bay Public Library reflects a snapshot of preliminary data from the 2012 ALA report: Nationally, over 87 percent of public libraries provide technology training. The Coos Bay Public Library offers a wide variety of classes including Word for Resumes, How to Use Library2Go, Facebook for the Curious, and Beginning E-mail.

Our library also follows the national trend with over 60 percent of libraries reporting increased use of Internet workstations over the past year and 74 percent of libraries seeing increased use of their Wi-Fi. Our library's technology resources reflect the diverse needs of our community including:

- Today's entrepreneur requires current market research and demographic trends for presentations to potential investors – free at the library.
- Free Wi-Fi serves students and lifelong learners working on projects on a wide range of mobile devices.
- Explosive growth in e-readers has attracted new users to the library – many for the first time.
- Job seekers utilize library resources and expertise to create resumes, access job boards, and complete online job applications.
- As more government agencies provide information exclusively in digital format, for many people, the library provides their only access to unemployment, health care, and tax information.

The technology transformation will continue throughout society – schools, jobs, and government. The library is doing its best to adapt and plan for these changes. Lifelong learning center, digital technology hub, community anchor - take your pick. The Coos Bay Public Library is all of this and through careful management and strategic vision, we have prepared to support our community's vibrant future.

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

City Calendar

- May 1st 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.
- May 5th Coos Bay Urban Renewal Work Session** - The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Coos Bay Fire Station No. 1 and it will start at 9:00 a.m.
- May 8th Coos Bay Planning Commission** – The meeting will be held in the Myrtlewood room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 6:00 p.m.
- May 15th 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.
- May 15th 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.
- May 16th 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.
- May 17th Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Center conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.
- May 17th Coos Bay / North Bend Visitors Convention Bureau** - The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Red Lion and will start at 8:30 am.
- May 23rd 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
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