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Crystal Shoji



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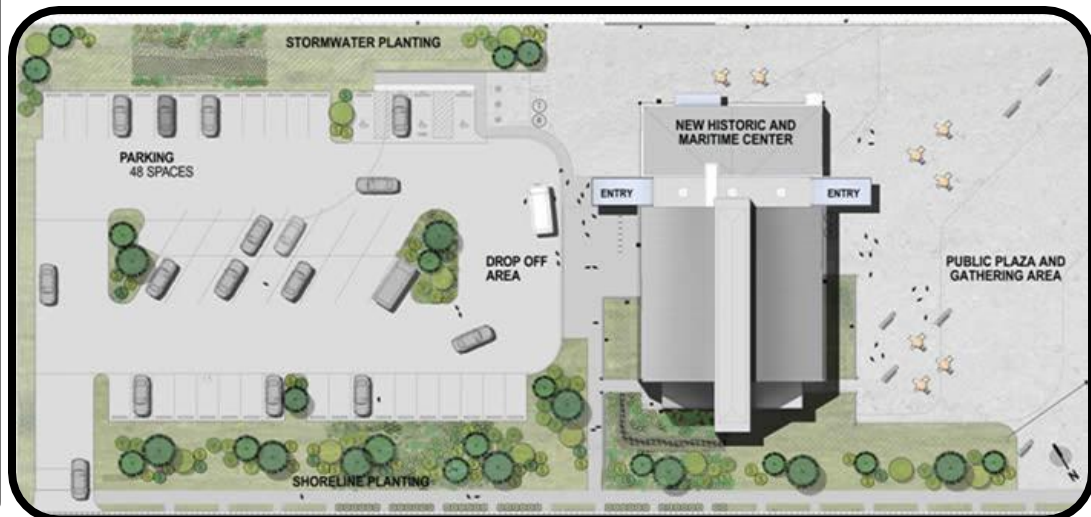
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## ***What started as dream will soon become reality...***

After more than a decade of planning and fundraising, bidding is now open to construct the new Coos Historical and Maritime Museum. While fundraising continues for exhibits and improvements to the new Center, \$6,500,000 has been raised for the construction of the facility.



The new facility will be built on bay-front property east of Highway 101 along Front Street across from the Sun Printing Museum here in Coos Bay.



## 2012 City Elections

The following positions will be open on the Coos Bay City Council, and they will be filled in the November 2012 General Election:

**Mayor – 2 year term**  
(Position currently held by Crystal Shoji)

**City Councilor – 4 year term**  
(Position currently held by Gene Melton)

**City Councilor – 4 year term**  
(Position currently held by Mike Vaughan)

**City Councilor – 4 year term**  
(Position currently held by Jon Hanson)

Interested citizens may obtain information and file with Finance Director Susanne Baker at the Coos Bay City Hall located at 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay or call 541-269-8915 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. from May 30, 2012 through August 28, 2012. Candidates filing by petition are asked to file before 5:00 p.m. August 21, 2012. To qualify, a citizen must be a registered voter and must have resided within the City of Coos Bay for at least one year preceding the election date.

### ***Dessert and Silent Auction***

In December 2011, former City Councilor Joanie Johnson resigned from the Coos Bay City Council due to health issues. Former Councilor Johnson was later diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a rapidly progressive neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells (*neurons*) responsible for controlling voluntary muscles.



Joanie continues to fight this debilitating disease which has taken a toll on not only her health but the family's finances as well. DeeDee Johnson (Joanie's daughter) and the members of the North Bend Church of Christ will be conducting a fundraiser, "Benefit Dessert & Silent Auction" in an effort to help the Johnson family with the ever mounting medical costs. Johnson's Benefit Dessert & Silent Auction has been scheduled for **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and it will be held at **Coos Bay Fire Department located at 450 Elrod Avenue**. **The doors open at 5:00 pm and the Silent Auction closes at 7:00 pm.**

Auction items include a private collection of outstanding jewelry, antiques, including R. Grossman and Atkinson Fox prints, antique mirrors, vintage Fenton glassware, antique clocks and other collectables.

If you are interested in donating items for the auction or helping out, contact DeeDee Johnson at (541) 948-1588.



## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Court Mural Project is Underway...***

Earlier this year, Coos Bay students in grades K-12 were invited to help design a mural to beautify a 157-foot wall on 2<sup>nd</sup> Court in downtown Coos Bay. After extending the submission deadline a bit to encourage more participation, a panel of local judges met in late February to select the finalists. The ten mural designs selected for installation onto the wall were from the Harding Learning Center - Ben Muth and Kevin Mast; Millicoma School - Ravyn Miranda, Payton Davidson, Julia Mapilisan, Kailan Bjornerud, Dreiahnna Wofford and Sage Nelson; Sunset Middle School - Allissa Holcomb and Jaydin Solano.



*Winning Artists begin work on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, including Ben Muth, Harding Learning Center, Julia Mapilisan, Dreiahnna Wofford, and Sage Nelson all from Millicoma Middle School, and Allissa Holcomb, from Sunset Middle School (not in picture).*



*Mockup of the mural which includes all ten of the winning mural designs shown above. City Councilor Mike Vaughan assisting students with preparing the mural (below and to the right)*

This project is being coordinated by a group of citizens who participated in the fall of 2011 "Your Town" training session organized by the South Coast Development Council. Participants in this mural design training course were asked to consider a small project to improve the downtown area in each of their communities.

Under the coordination and direction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Project Committee members Jennifer Groth and Mike Vaughan, winners of the student mural contest began painting the mural on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Millicoma School in Eastside. The contest was held earlier this year and the winners were recognized by Mayor Shoji at the March 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The mural will be placed on the east wall of the First Call Resolution building located at 161 Anderson Avenue. Building owner John Stadter has been a big supporter of the project and has offered to partner with the City on cost of the mural project. Watch for date and time for the unveiling of the mural later this month.





### ***Mark your calendars now...***

Independence Day is just around the corner and City staff, volunteer firefighters, and the women's auxiliary unit at the Fire Department have been busily preparing for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July events which include

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Fun Day in Mingus Park**

The fun will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Walk with the Mayor, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Mayor's Firecracker Run, and at 11:00 a.m. a flag ceremony will be held by the Boy Scouts. From 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. there will be various food booths and other fun activities for the family such as face painting, furry friends, Coos Bay Police Department's K-9 demo, a library book give away, the Elks Club drug awareness program, Coos Bay Fire Department / Oregon Fish & Wildlife fishing pond, entertainment on the stage, and more. There will also be free swimming at the Mingus Park swimming pool from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun at Mingus Park.

For additional information or if you would like to have a booth at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Mingus park, please call 541- 297-7150 or 541- 297-4738.

**The annual fireworks display over the waterfront is scheduled to begin at dusk (10pm).**

**Coos Bay Fire Department**

### ***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Empire Clamboree is just around the corner...***

If you enjoy great food, live music, street vendors, and special event, you won't want to miss the Empire Clamboree! **June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Events will be located in the 100 block of S. Wall Street and at the Hollering Place** (next to the Empire boat ramp)



**Great Clam Dishes** from the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute

**Holler Across the Bay Contest!**

**US Coast Guard** - Rescue helicopter landing and water rescue demonstration

**Clam Scram** – 3 Mile Fun Run / Walk to benefit the Pacific Cove Humane Society



**& Much, Much More!!!**

If you need more information contact:

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## Parks Master Plan

The City of Coos Bay is still in the process of developing a Parks Master Plan, and we need your help! This plan will serve as a guide for the management of facilities for the City and Parks Commission 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's website at [www.coosbay.org](http://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](mailto:rdixon@coosbay.org)



## ***Making progress towards the goal of restoration...***

There is an old adage that even the longest journey begins with a single step. Restoring the Egyptian Theatre is akin to a long journey which will involve many steps. Some of the steps already taken include the City's purchase of the theatre back in 2006, the caring and management of the facility by the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association (2006 – present), the Egyptian Theatre added to the National Register of Historic Places (2010), the City contracts for structural and geotechnical evaluation of the theatre (2010-2011), the Egyptian Theatre becomes listed on Historic Preservation League's list of Oregon 2011's Most endangered Places" (2011), the City and ETPA create a Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee (2011), George Kramer of Kramer and Company is hired as a historic preservation consultant (2011), ETPA receives training and consulting services as they transition from management role to a capital campaign and full restoration role (2011-2012), Rich Foster a professional grant writer is hired to create a fundraising grants and capital campaign plan (2012), and Herb Stratford of Historic Theatre Consultants was hired to conduct a marking study (2012).

The market/feasibility study for the Egyptian Theatre has been completed. The study is an essential component for developing the strategic and capital campaign plans for restoration of the Egyptian Theatre. To access the current market for programming and potential audiences for the Egyptian Theatre there was a community survey done, there were interviews with key stakeholders, competitors, potential users, and downtown businesses as well as other research. A presentation on the Egyptian Theatre market/feasibility study by Herb Stratford will be given on **June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Coos Bay Downtown Fire Hall's** community meeting room located at 450 Elrod Avenue Coos Bay OR. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information contact City of Coos Bay's Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen at 541-269-8924.

## Egyptian Theatre



## Public Works & Development

### ***Work to Create Increased Parking at Eastside Boat Ramp Begins***

The Public Works and Development crews are busy preparing property on the north and south sides of the Eastside Boat Ramp which will be used to expand the parking lot. In addition to creating over 50 additional parking spots, 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.

This project was made possible by a \$20,000 grant award from the Oregon State Marine Board, and it 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.



Work on the project, which started June 4<sup>th</sup>, is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.



### ***It didn't turn out quite like I had hoped...***

If it sounds too good to be true.... We all know the rest of that sentence, and the unfortunate reality that comes with being duped by someone offering something that was truly too good to be true. Weekly, countless people throughout the country fall victim to a variety of scams and schemes designed to take their money. Often this parting with their hard-earned money did not have to happen if they had taken the time to better assess the offer and weed out that which is fraudulent.

One area in which thieves like to prey is in construction scams. The comment "I was in the neighborhood" is a common opening line of these con-artists. That opening line is usually followed with an offer to do a particular project for you (repair a roof, clean your driveway, paint your house or any number of other offers) at a reduced price because they are "already in the neighborhood." The most unfortunate side of this scenario is that some people take the service provider's word for it, and they never ask, "which neighbor's house are you working on?" and take the next step of verifying the work by talking to that neighbor.

Sometimes, these thieves try to bully persons into their services by beginning a particular project *before* being given authorization. Their arguments can be quite compelling and can make a person feel fairly pressured to comply. It's important to stand your ground, not give into something you have not agreed to in advance and **report these criminals to law enforcement**.

To avoid the destructive forces of unscrupulous construction providers, here are some tips to follow:

- ✓ "We're in the neighborhood doing another job!" – Find out where and check with that neighbor to see if they are actually offering quality work.
- ✓ Do not allow someone into your home or backyard that you do not know or trust.
- ✓ Confirm that they have the appropriate license and bonding and that it is valid (don't take their word for it, take the license number and call the appropriate government licensing board, located in the government section of your telephone book).
- ✓ Ask for references, but keep in mind those providing the reference may be acquaintances of the service person, so use caution in accepting the comments of "references."
- ✓ If they claim "no permit is required" confirm this by calling the planning or building department yourself.
- ✓ If unsure, don't agree to anything! If you are in doubt over whether or not to do something, ask a family member or a trusted friend to weigh-in on your decision and have a second set of eyes take a peek!
- ✓ Contract, contract, contract! Do not agree to something verbally; only proceed after you both have signed a contract (in many cases it is advisable to have a qualified third-party or legal counsel review a contract before signing).
- ✓ Only pay a down payment on the project and agreed upon amounts as the work progresses.

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

## ***Summer Reading Program at the Library ...***

The library is about to embark on another great Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Dream Big – Read. There are six major programs planned in June and July, and they are all made possible by the Friends of the Coos Bay Public Library. For more details about the programs, please see the library website at <http://bay.cooslibraries.org/>.

These special programs draw in both children and families from around the community. Some of the many benefits of the program include encouraging reading to become a lifelong habit, encourage reluctant readers through activities, and of course the program generates lots of interest in the library and books.

One of the greatest outcomes of a summer reading program is helping students retain their skills in non-school months. According to a June 2011 report released by RAND, Corp. a student returns to school in the fall at least a month behind where they left off in the spring. It has also been shown that the students cannot catch up by simply reviewing, and the cumulative effects could be seriously detrimental to student success. Summer reading programs are one method of combating the loss of skills. So when children are participating in reptile programs, watching jugglers, and learning about unicycling, they are really learning. But shhh, don't tell them.



### **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

- June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Tree Board** – The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Coos Bay Fire Station, and it will start at 4:00 p.m.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Parks Commission** – The special meeting will be held in at the Visitors Information Center conference room, and it will begin at 4:00 pm.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Center conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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