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July 2012

Happy Birthday America!



On July 4, 1776, America claimed its independence from Great Britain. In an effort to celebrate the 236th year of this anniversary in our community, city staff, volunteer firefighters, and the women's auxiliary unit at the Coos Bay Fire Department have been busily preparing for the annual 4th of July events which includes the 4th of July in the Park and Family Fun Day at Mingus Park and Fireworks over the Bay.

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**, **police 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.

**Fireworks over the Bay
begins at dusk (10:00 pm)**

Openings on the City Council...

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.

Openings on City Boards & Commissions...

The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill openings on the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals, Library Board, and Parks Commission.

Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals – The Board of Appeals consists of five members who are qualified by experience and training to deliberate on matters pertaining to building construction. Appointments to the Board are made by the City Council and are for three-year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis. **There is currently one opening on the Board.**

Library Board – The Library Board consists of seven members. The term of office is four years; up to three board members may, at any one time, reside in Coos County within the boundaries of School Dist. 9, but outside the city limits of Coos Bay. Members shall be limited to serving no more than two full consecutive terms; however, any person may be reappointed after an interval of one year. **There is currently one opening on the Board.**

Parks Commission – The Parks Commission is comprised of one Councilor, one Planning Commissioner, one representative of a service club, one representative of the landscape design profession or business, one representative of the design profession, and three citizen-at-large positions. **There is currently one opening on the committee for a citizen-at-large.**

Applications and additional information on the current openings are available at <http://coosbay.org/cb/comcom/documents/2012JulyApplication.pdf> or from the City Manager's Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or by calling 541-269-8912. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 9th.**

Inquiring Minds Want to Know



Why is the Police Department buying Chevy Tahoe's instead of the Ford Crown Victoria's?

The Coos Bay Police Department, like law enforcement agencies across the nation, are selecting new police vehicles after Ford announced that they would stop making the popular Crown Victoria, which Coos Bay police have used for over two decades.

The department ultimately decided to begin using the Chevy Tahoe as their patrol vehicle of choice. Before making that choice, they looked at several police rated vehicles including the Dodge Charger, Ford Taurus, Ford 500, Chevy Impala, and Chevy Tahoe before deciding on the Tahoe.

The Tahoe cost about \$2,000 more than the Crown Victoria, has comparable gas mileage, and according to a study conducted by Vincentric, a company specializing in the area of automobile lifecycle analysis, concluded that the Tahoe had the lowest lifecycle costs compared to other police rated vehicles.

In addition, the larger vehicle provides a larger front seating area to accommodate taller drivers and passengers and additional space in the rear seating area for customer (prisoner) seating; a larger front cabin area that allows for safe mounting of specialized equipment outside of the air bag deployment zones; and additional cargo space for police equipment.

Is it true that the Egyptian Theatre could be open in less than a year, and it will only take \$500,000 to open the doors?

While this has been reported in our area newspaper and on our local news channel, the jury is still out on the actual costs and timeframe of the repairs to the theatre.

The City's Urban Renewal Agency (URA) commissioned a structural and geotechnical evaluation of the theatre back in 2010, and it was completed in 2011. While it was known that the theatre had some structural challenges, the evaluation revealed the extent of those structural issues that required the closure of the building until the structural deficiencies could be mitigated.

The URA and the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association (ETPA) have teamed up, and they have been working towards the restoration and ultimate reopening of the theatre. To assist in our efforts, we have employed the assistance of George Kramer (historic preservation consultant), Herb Stratford (historic theatre and marketing consultant), and Rich Foster (a professional grant writer). All three of the consultants have experience with historic theatres and earlier this year they toured the Egyptian Theatre. They were optimistic, based on their tour that a review of the original structural evaluation by engineers with historic building experience would reveal that the restoration of the theatre could be done in phases and at a much lower cost than originally estimated.

On July 3rd, the URA is scheduled to award a contract to KPFF to conduct an evaluation of the original structural report for the purposed of identifying alternative repair approaches. Once their evaluation has been completed, we will have a better idea of the costs and timeline needed to reopen the theatre.

Celebrate Independence Day...

The 4th of July seems to be the true launch of summer. It's warm (or warming), the sun is out, and it seems like the official start of summer fun. Barbeques and family activities are popular on this special day. Alcohol can also be a part of the ADULT celebration so it's important to plan accordingly.



Unfortunately, many revelers don't think of being concerned about driving while intoxicated at more prevalent times like holiday parties, new years, and other events while not realizing that a few too many beers at the barbeque can lead to dangerous and unlawful driving.

While certain actions can impact the speed of alcohol absorption into the blood and certainly the amount of time/quantity between consumption can impact your blood alcohol level, it is easy to lose track and go beyond a safe and lawful level.

Unless you're at home and are not planning on going anywhere or you're staying at your friend/family's home, then plan to a designated driver at the barbeque - someone who vows not just to "watch their alcohol" but won't drink any alcohol.

Celebration tips:

If using fireworks (only in lawfully allowed locations) be sure to sure not mix them with alcohol. There's no question that your judgment is impacted when your blood alcohol goes up and combining with things filled with gunpowder and other explosive quantities can put you and others in extreme risk.

When you arrive at the party and you plan to drink alcohol, give up your keys right from the beginning and deliver them to the responsible non-drinking, designated driver.

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode or move across the ground more than 6 feet or up in the air more than 12 inches. Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the state of Washington or on Native American reservations may also be illegal in Oregon. This includes popular items such as bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers and M80s. To keep it legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon firework stand or retail outlet.

The above article, in part, is an excerpt from the July 2011 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>.*

Libraries Trump McDonalds...

While it seems that you can't go two miles without bumping into a McDonalds, libraries win the battle for public space. Believe it or not, there are more public libraries the United States.

Yes, you read that right, there are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S.- over 16,500. And for those who need to know, there are a little over 12,800 McDonald restaurants. In Coos County, there are eight public libraries and only two and a half or three McDonalds' restaurants in Coos County. (The count can vary depending on your definition of a McDonalds within another store)

There are many other advantages libraries have over McDonalds besides sheer numbers. At libraries you have the chance to expose children and adults to the love of reading and research. There is access to technology, everything from Wi-Fi to BluRays. At the library, you can attend cultural programs, sign up for summer reading, connect with fellow readers, view the works of local artists, and get your questions answered.

So while you are waiting in line for a burger this summer, don't forget to swing by the library too. Libraries may not have as many good desserts, but they have been known to have cookies on occasion.



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

Spotlight on City Employees

Long-Term Employees Retire...



After more than 35 years with the City, Linda Mitchell has decided to retire. Linda began her career with the City of Coos Bay on January 5, 1977 as a clerk-typist in the City Manager's Office, and she was quickly assigned to the Police Department where she worked as a records-reports transcriptionist. When Linda started her career, City offices were still located in the Old City Hall.

After moving into the "new" City Hall in 1979, Linda's position was reclassified to Police Secretary. She worked in that position until 1988 when she was promoted to Office Manager. In 1995 Linda was promoted to Support Services Supervisor - the position she held until her retirement on June 30th.

In the 35 plus years Linda had worked for the City of Coos Bay, she had worked for a total of six different Police Chiefs. Those Chiefs started with Chief Rollie Pean, Chief Marc Adams, Chief Charles Knight, Chief Eura Washburn, Chief Rodger Craddock, and Chief Gary McCullough.



Phil Christiana has also retired after working nearly 30 years with the City. Phil started with the City on September 19, 1983 as a temporary Construction Maintenance worker in Public Works. While the job started out as a temporary position, Phil worked himself into a permanent position. During his tenure with the City, Phil worked in the positions of Public Works Maintenance Worker, Lead Maintenance Worker, Public Works Foreman, and later the Parks Maintenance Foreman. Phil tried to retire in January of this year, but agreed to come back to train his replacement in the nuances of the City's parks and Mingus Pool.

City Employment Opportunities

The City of Coos Bay Police Department currently has two job openings:

- Police Clerical Specialist – Salary \$3,016 - \$3,851 per month
Deadline to Apply July 9, 2012
- 9-1-1 Dispatcher – Salary \$3,489 - \$4,450 per month
Deadline to Apply July 20, 2012

To apply submit a City application, Police Department supplemental application, and resume. Application packets are available from the City Manager's Office, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay City Hall, by telephone 541-269-8912, or from the City's website at www.coosbay.org.

City Calendar

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Police Department
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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

- July 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.
- July 3rd 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.
- July 10th 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.
- July 12th 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.
- July 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.
- July 17th 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.
- July 18th 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.
- July 19th Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Center conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.
- July 25th 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**