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Crystal Shoji



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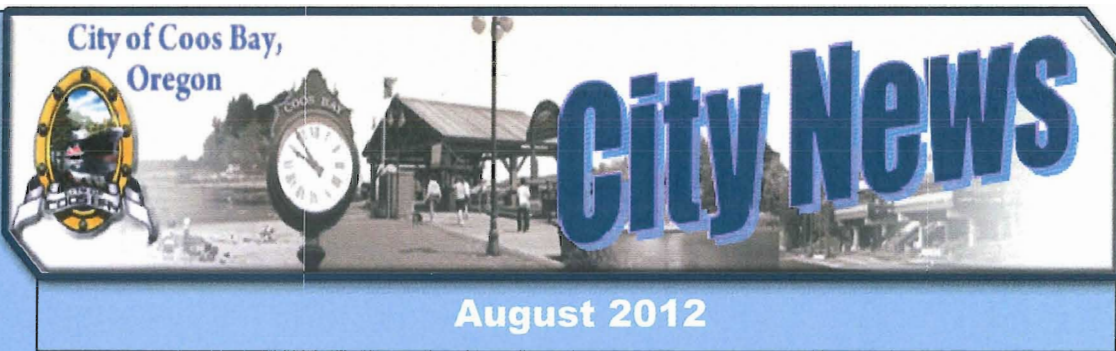
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August 2012

A Healthy Active City

A message from Coos Bay Mayor Crystal Shoji

The City of Coos Bay would like to empower its citizens to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. While individual health depends upon many personal factors, the community has a role. Social and built environments and public safety are important components.

Our community has many options for socialization through physical activity: private health clubs, hiking, walking and running events, bowling, and competitive sports for all ages, yoga, martial arts, a skate park, golf, sports of the sand and sea, and more. Coos Bay enjoys the legacy of Steve Prefontaine.

A built environment conducive to physical health depends upon community infrastructure and physical connections. Public safety is always key. Mingus Park and the John Topits Park have excellent trail systems within urban forest areas; Eastside's Millicoma Trail is a unique asset. The City of Coos Bay's Downtown Waterfront Boardwalk is envisioned to extend all along the Bay and connect with the North Bend Waterfront Boardwalk.

I like to incorporate physical activity into daily routines. This is a way for youth to develop lifelong habits that benefit the body and soul. Our community is challenged with topography that does not always provide for easy interconnections. Wind and hills can make bicycling a "serious sport," rather than a simple way to get around town.

How can our schools, workplaces and neighborhoods improve physical connections? New projects are underway; the City of Coos Bay will add bicycle and pedestrian ways along Empire Highway and new sidewalks along Highway 101 next year. It is important to prioritize physical interconnections as we plan for infrastructure and services to benefit future generations.

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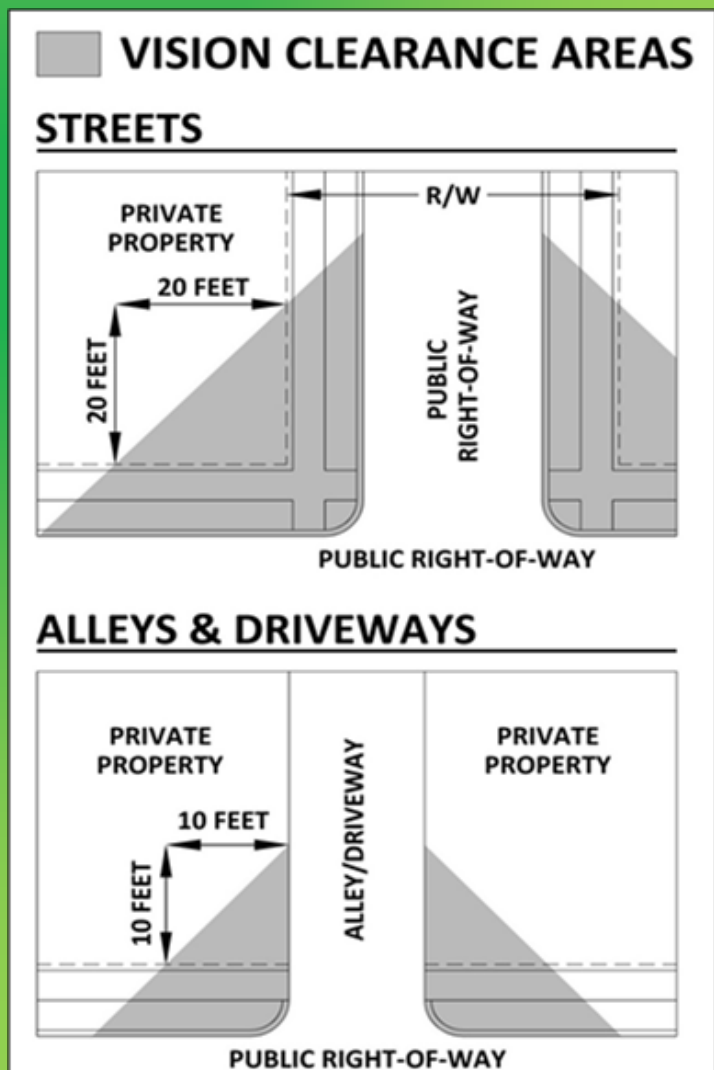
***"Runners gather for the July 4th
run in Mingus Park"***

Vegetation & Sight Visibility

Trees and shrubs make a significant contribution to the value and appearance in Coos Bay. However, wet weather has increased the amount of vegetation growth throughout the City, so we are asking for your help and cooperation in keeping our streets and sidewalks safe and available for everyone's use.

Visibility is a major concern for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. The "Vision Clearance" areas have been established to provide better visibility for those approaching intersections. The City of Coos Bay's Municipal Code establishes a "Vision Clearance" definition with the intent to accomplish safety in our community. In order to maintain safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, all residents should take the time to inspect their property for visual obstructions and remove vegetation within the vision clearance areas.

For a visual understanding, refer to the diagram where it depicts the amount of vision clearance that is required at street corners, alleyways, driveways, and public right-of-ways. In addition, check out the complete Coos Bay Municipal Ordinance on vision clearance as well as other ordinances at www.cityofcoosbay.org



30th Annual
Blackberry
Arts Festival
"A Juried Affair"

August 25 & 26, 2012
Saturday 9am - 6pm & Sunday 9am - 4pm
DOWNTOWN COOS BAY

-  **ARTS • STAINED GLASS**
-  **CRAFTS • CANDLES**
-  **JEWELRY**
-  **PHOTOGRAPHY**
-  **PAINTING**
-  **POTTERY**
-  **SOAPS**
-  **ENTERTAINMENT**
-  **BLACKBERRY TREATS**
-  **FOOD & MORE!**



www.coosbaydowntown.org

Sponsored and organized by the Coos Bay Downtown Association

The 2012 Blackberry Arts Festival will be held in downtown Coos Bay August 25th and 26th. The festival location will be back on Central Avenue from Hwy 101 west to 5th Street.

Thousands of people fill the downtown area to seek out all things blackberry from jams and jellies to baked goods, candy and wine - it's all about the blackberry. The festival is a host to many artisans with their handmade arts and goods. The festival event is sure to please all who visit and those who want to be a vendor.

Vendors – Be sure to put this event on your calendar. If you are a vendor of goods or arts, the festival will be a great place to sell your items. Space is limited; and because of the festivals popularity throughout Oregon, available space goes quickly. Act today to insure your space for the 2012 Blackberry Arts Festival. For more information contact: Beth Clarkson at (541) 269-5312 Checkerberry's Flowers and Gifts.

Openings on the City Council...

During the November 2012 General Election, voters will elect the following open positions:

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)

What is the role of the City Council and how are they elected?

Coos Bay's Mayor and City Councilors are volunteers who serve as the governing body. The seven-member Council collectively are the legislative and policy body for the City, and they are charged with providing overall leadership for the City by enacting laws and allocating City resources for City programs, services, and activities as well as supervising the City Manager.

The City Council is comprised of the Mayor who is elected to serve as the official head of the City and to preside over all Council meetings and six Council members. All seven are collectively referred to as the "Council." Each Council official is elected "at large" by the public to represent all Coos Bay residents.

Serving on the Council requires a substantial time commitment by attending Council meetings (first and third Tuesday of each month), attending monthly Coos Bay Urban Renewal meetings, participating on various committees, boards, and commissions and preparing for those meetings.

To run, all Mayor and Councilor candidates must be registered voters and have lived in the City of Coos Bay for at least one year preceding to the election.

Interested citizens may obtain additional 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.

Join Us in a National "Night Out" Against Crime August 7th

It's time again to enjoy an evening out with neighbors, family and friends. On Tuesday, **August 7th**, neighborhoods from Coos Bay and North Bend are being invited to join forces with communities nationwide for the 29th annual National Night Out Crime and Drug Prevention event. Join us at **Ferry Road Park** in North Bend for free games, live entertainment, food, ice cream, cake walk, refreshments, fun and much more. The fun is from **5:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm**.



The "29th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). **What is National Night Out? It's America's Night Out Against Crime!**

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. In all, over **37 million** people participated in National Night Out 2011.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police / community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Smoke Detector Give Away...

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue has announced a new smoke detector give-away program which has been made possible through grants provided by Bay Area Hospital and our local Wal-Mart.

To be eligible to receive a free smoke detector you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay.
- You must own or be in the process of purchasing the home (not available for rentals).
- Must be over the age of 65 years old or have children under the age of 12 years old living in the home.
- For those with children living in the home your total household income must be lower than \$65,000 annually.



There is a limit of one smoke detector per household. Smoke detectors can be picked up at the main fire station located at 450 Elrod Avenue, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If needed the Fire Department personnel can install your smoke detector for you.

HELP FOR JOB SEEKERS AT THE LIBRARY...

For job seekers in Coos Bay there is help at the library. Job Search and Work Place Skills is a comprehensive online system offering a wide variety of resources that will prepare you for career success. This innovative online resource provides job seekers everything they need to find their next job all in one easy-to-use application. The online program is a feature in LearningExpress Library and is available to all Oregonians at no charge. Job Search and Work Place Skills can be accessed with a library card at the Coos Bay Public Library or from any internet-enabled computer by going to <http://www.cooslibraries.org/>

With LearningExpress Job Search and Work Place Skills, users can easily create professional resumes and cover letters, master interviewing and networking techniques, improve work related skills, and prepare for occupation related exams.

LearningExpress Library in Oregon is supported in whole or part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Oregon State Library. To find out more about how you can access this information, stop by the library or call 541-269-1101.



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 12:00 am – 5:30 pm
 Friday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm
 Saturday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm

City Calendar

Coos Bay City Hall
500 Central Avenue
Coos Bay, OR
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www.coosbay.org

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

Aug. 7th 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.

Aug. 14th 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.

Aug. 15th 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.

Aug. 16th Coos Bay Parks Commission - The meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Center conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.

Aug. 21st 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.

Aug. 21st 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.

Aug. 22nd 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.

Aug. 23rd 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.

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