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September 2012

While September usually marks the end of summer, the winding down of vacations, the start of school and school activities, September also brings a host of activities in Coos Bay. In this edition of the Coos Bay City News you will find information on the following upcoming special events:

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2012 Bay Area Fun Festival in Beautiful Downtown Coos Bay



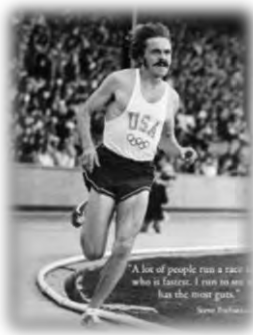
Fun on the Half Shell

Every year for nearly 40 years, the Bay Area Fun Festival has brought together 25,000 locals and visitors just for the “fun of it!”

The Bay Area Fun Festival offers a variety of activities and free events over three days; highlights of the festival include the Prefontaine Memorial run honoring Coos Bay’s son Steve Prefontaine, one of the largest themed parades on the South Coast, a classic car cruise with more than 500 vintage vehicles, live entertainment, a vendor street fair, festival foods, kids activities, beer and wine garden, and more.

For information about the Bay Area Fun Festival go to www.bayareafunfestival.com.

Annual Prefontaine Memorial Run



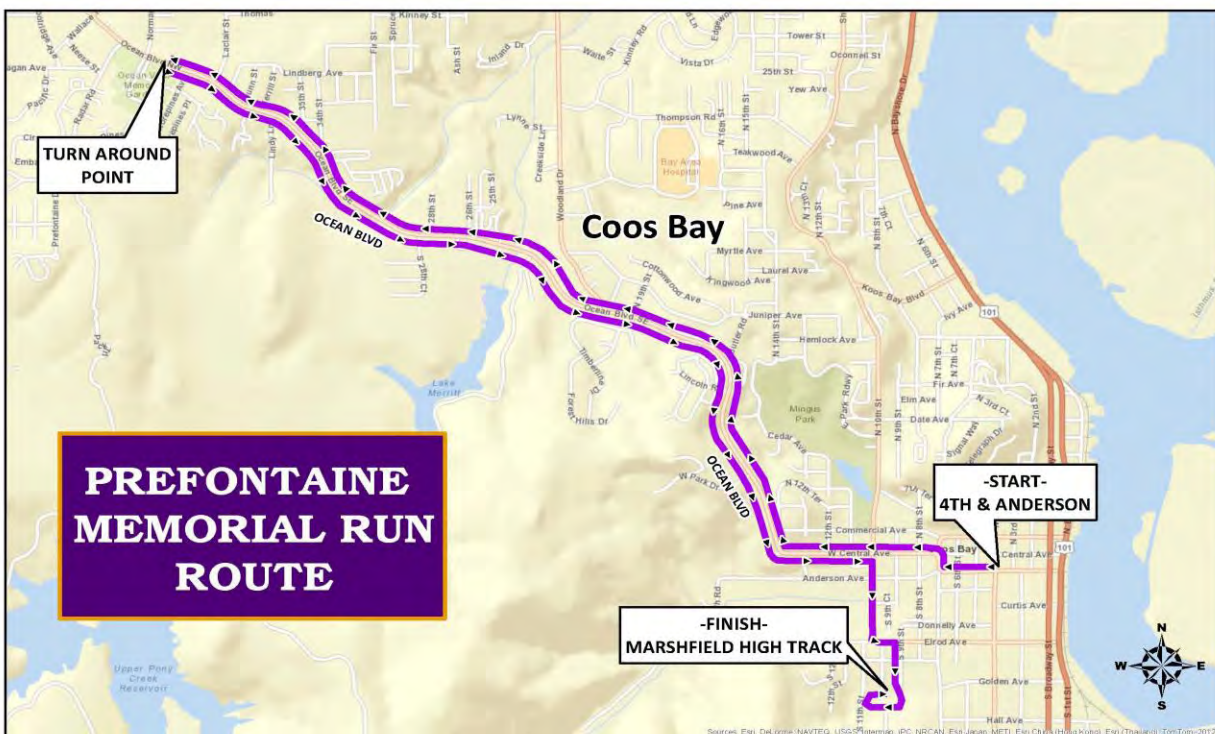
Those special qualities that made Steve Prefontaine a hero to track fans more than three decades ago are still creating new admirers. Many who participate in the yearly event were not born when Pre was setting records, or never saw him compete, are inspired by his enduring example of courage, feisty determination, and charisma.

Runners can see where it all began this month at the Prefontaine Memorial Run.

Now in its 33rd year, this popular event got its start when a group of Coos Bay citizens decided it was time that Steve Prefontaine's hometown did something to honor its favorite son. A commemorative monument was placed adjacent to the Coos Bay Visitor's Information Center displaying a bronze likeness of Pre, and a list of all his American records held at the time of his death in May 1975. Nearby, at the Coos Art Museum, the Prefontaine Memorial Gallery holds the permanent collection of Steve's awards and memorabilia as well as numerous photographs highlighting his illustrious running career.

The Prefontaine Memorial Run has established the reputation of being a well-organized race catering to the needs of the runner. It is the showpiece of the Bay Area Fun Festival.

Come join us on September 15, 2012 for the 33rd Annual Prefontaine Memorial Run. For addition information or to pre-register for the Prefontaine Memorial Run, go to www.prefontaineirun.com. For lodging or visitor information, please visit www.OregonsAdventureCoast.com.



Annual Bay Area Fun Festival Parade

The Bay Area Fun Festival Parade is one of the largest on the Oregon coast. This year, the parade will feature floats with the “Party On The Half Shell” theme. The parade can be viewed from almost anywhere on the festival venue areas from Highway 101 South west to 4th Street and up Commercial Avenue. So, grab your lawn chair and the family and come and enjoy. The parade starts at 1:00 pm.

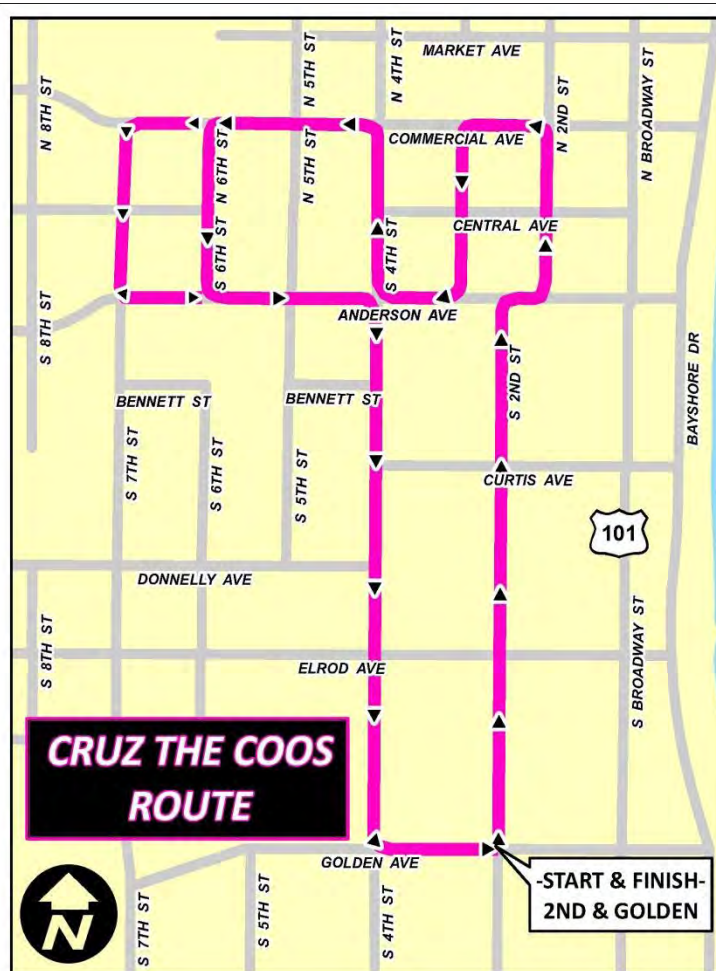
For more information on the Fun Festival Parade visit www.bayareafunfestival.com.



Cruz the Coos

Sunset Classic Chevys and the Bay Area Fun Festival presents Cruz The Coos! Five hundred vintage vehicles will be cruising in downtown Coos Bay on September 15th. You can register for the event at the Mill Casino from 9 AM to 3 PM on the event. The cruise will take place from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** (see the map below for the cruise route).

For additional information go to www.sunsetclassic Chevys.com



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13th Annual Coos Basin Salmon Derby



Boats will blanket the bay again this year during the 13th Annual Coos Basin Salmon Derby, September 8th – 9th. The angler catching the largest fish of the weekend between the Empire Boat Ramp to the head of tidewater wins \$500! A total of over \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded. There will be drawings for other prizes for ticket holders. Tickets are \$20 per person for the weekend and children 13 and under are free. The derby begins at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday. The awards ceremony is at 4:00 p.m. at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

This two day event begins on Friday night September 7th with a Salmon Derby Kickoff Barbeque that is free to derby contestants. The derby kickoff is a time of fun and food for the entire family. A silent auction and drawings will be held at the kickoff event to encourage derby participants to attend. Tickets for the derby can be purchased at the barbeque. The kickoff event is held at the North Bend Community Center at 6:00 p.m.



Proceeds from the derby are dedicated to the continued enhancement of salmon and steelhead populations in the Coos and Tenmile watersheds as well as educational projects that involve thousands of students annually. When the Chinook restoration efforts began in the Coos basin thirty years ago, there were only about 200 Chinook being harvested annually in the basin. In 2011, over 11,000 Chinook were harvested. Over 81% of Chinook originated from STEP facilities in the basin. The derby and the fundraiser that is part of this event are critical to the continuation of these important fisheries and educational programs. Call ODFW at 888-5515 for more information.

Expanded Parking at Eastside Boat Ramp



Phase one of the Eastside Boat Ramp Expansion Project has been completed just in time for the 13th Annual Coos Basin Salmon Derby. Phase one of the project included expansion of the parking lot that would increase the number of parking spaces for single-car and boat trailer parking. With the expansion of the parking lot, there are now a total of 130 parking spaces (98 combination vehicle / trailer spaces and 42 single vehicle spaces). Resurfacing and restriping of the existing parking lot was also included in Phase one. Phase two of the project is the construction of a fish cleaning station, and this will commence this fall.

This project was made possible through grants from the Oregon State Marine Board and federal Sport Fish Restoration Funds provided through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife along with in-kind contributions from the City. The projected total cost of the project is \$225,773. The City began site preparation in June, and Knife River Construction was awarded the bid to pave the new parking areas as well as resurfacing and restriping the existing parking lot.

FREE!!! Music on the Bay in Mingus Park

Free CONCERTS at Mingus Park
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SEPTEMBER 2012 SHOWTIME 7:00 PM

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SEPT 18
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6pm Opening
by Evolution

SEPT 25
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* NO SMOKING
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Music On the Bay is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corp. bringing musical excellence to the Bay Area. All donations are tax deductible.
Posting by Evelyn Rader



Coos County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program 5th Annual



Mutt Strut

Saturday, Sept. 22

10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mingus Park, 10th St., Coos Bay

"What?...it's Mutt Strut Time!"
Whispers and Geppetto are ready to
join all the other motley-mutt pals, to
raise some \$\$\$ for RSVP programs.



3 CONTESTS

- 🐾 Pet & Owner Look-alike
- 🐾 Best Dressed Mutt
- 🐾 Pet Tricks

PRIZES-PRIZES by COOS GRANGE SUPPLY
Local, fun Celebrity Emcee...Chef Jardin
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Surprise Local Celebrity Judges

Sponsor a mutt or strut
around the lake with
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🐾 **Friends of Coos County Animal Shelter**
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🐾 **Umpqua Bank Ice Cream**

🐾 **Pooch Pictures**—with fun characters & clowns

🐾 **Think Pawsitive**—Dog Agility Demonstrations

Applications can be picked up at Bay Area Visitors Center in
Coos Bay, North Bend Visitors Center, the RSVP Office or at
Mingus Park on the day of the event.

For more information,
call RSVP, 541-888-7332



Mingus Park Goes to the Dogs

Coos Bay's Building Codes & ePermitting

The City of Coos Bay is ready to "GO LIVE" with the statewide ePermitting online permit system. We expect to be up and running October 1st. General contractors and others will be able to apply for virtually all types of building permits via the ePermitting system. The ePermitting system is the culmination of a multi-year effort on the part of the Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) and cities like Coos Bay. That effort has been funded by a surcharge on building permit fees to create the nation's first statewide electronic permitting system. The ePermitting is based on software developed by the Accela Corporation for use by governments. Accela has contracted with the state to provide this system at no additional purchase cost to the participating jurisdictions.

The new program and an earlier, less robust, version have been very well received by the contractors using it as it has brought convenience and savings to their business practices while encouraging the act of obtaining necessary permits through the ease of use. It has been a benefit to system users. The time factor has been a big plus for using the system. The system is also easy to use.

The new system will allow contractors and property owners to apply in person or on-line for all types of building permits, and plan review and routing can be tracked and followed in the system. Fees can be assessed and paid online with a credit card. In fact, because the system is web-based, eligible parties can apply and pay from anywhere on the planet. This accessibility is a real benefit to general contractors and others that have a need for building permits. An inter-active voice response (IVR) system is included that provides the ability for builders to schedule/request inspections from a pre-selected menu. The system will even e-mail a response to your designated address or smart-phone. Additionally, the BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov web-site for ePermitting has a "citizen access" function that will allow people to access the electronic building department files, request inspections, and track many of the system features.

Maintaining files and records of permits is required by law, and the ePermitting system will take on most of that costly burden as relating to building permits away. As Coos Bay staff learn and grow into the system, they are sure other advantages will come to light. For example, Coos Bay received expensive Adobe 10 Pro software (at no charge) for use with the plan review functions performed by many city staffers.

Progress on Downtown Historic Building

Coos Bay Downtown Association President Brian Bowers and City Economic Revitalization Administrator Joyce Jansen celebrate installation of new windows in the Bugge Bank/old National Bank building on Central Avenue. The City Urban Renewal Agency awarded a façade improvement grant to building owners David and Melody Weiner last year.



The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Although the building has been vacant for a few years, after

restoration has been completed, the owners plan to lease the space for a pub/restaurant establishment. Some years ago the building was the home of the Bank Brewery.



Downtown Association Hires “Main Street” Manager



Nathan Jurey, a recent graduate from Kansas State University with a Master’s Degree in Regional & Community Planning and a minor in Economics, is scheduled to begin his new role of downtown’s Main Street Manager on September 10th.

The “Main Street” approach is a proven comprehensive approach to commercial historic district revitalization. This approach has been implemented in more than 2,200 cities and towns in 40 states across the nation with the help of the National Main Street Center and statewide downtown revitalization programs. The Main Street approach is based on a comprehensive four point strategy centered on organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring.

New Look at the Coos Art Museum

Check out the recently updated façade at the Coos Art Museum. The exterior of the Museum has a brand new coat of paint with tri-color scheme of terracotta, yellow ocher, and hunter green. The color selection highlights the building’s many interesting architectural details. Although the 1936, the building was originally painted in “gleaming white” the current color scheme also refers back to the 1930s and the era of Art Deco.



Sidewalks and Maintenance

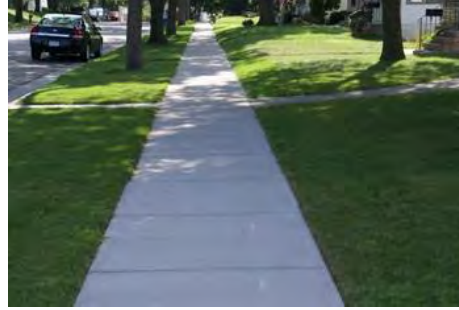
Many citizens have questions regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks within the City. According to the City Charter and the City of Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC 12.10.020-Maintenance of Sidewalks), abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks abutting their property. Property owners are responsible for removal of encroaching vegetation and repairing or replacing sidewalks if they become cracked and damaged.



Encroaching Vegetation



Unsafe Sidewalk Conditions



Properly Maintained Sidewalk 1

In the event a citizen is injured due to unsafe sidewalk conditions, abutting property owners can be held liable for any incurred costs related to injuries!

Annual Brush Pickup

The City's annual brush pickup will begin Tuesday, September 4th. This popular program was started by the City several years ago to help citizen cleanup and fix up their property. Please follow the guidelines below:

- Brush must be out prior to first day of pickup.
- Brush must be in one pile, must be 5ft. or less in length.
- Brush must be out next to the curb free from overhead obstacles, fire hydrants and other obstacles.
- One pile per address - NO group piles.
- Brush must not exceed five cubic yards. More than five yards can be taken, but prior arrangements must be made.
- Not allowed are grass clippings, sod, dirt, loose leaves, plastic bags, bailing twine or other materials that are not appropriate for grinding.
- There is an additional cost of \$8.75 per cubic yard during brush pickup.
- There is a \$10.50 per cubic yard plus trip fee for pickup after scheduled brush pickup is finished.

City of Coos Bay



Coos Bay Municipal Code Chapter 8.10, Section 8.10.060 states as follows:

1. No owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or bushes on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. An owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall keep all trees and bushes on the premises, including the adjoining parking strip trimmed so that any overhanging portions are at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and at least fourteen (14) feet above the roadway.
2. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow a dead or decaying tree to stand if it is a hazard to the public or to persons or property on or near the property.

For more information about the brush pickup call: Les' Sanitary at (541) 267-2848 or Coos Bay Sanitary at (541) 267-6675

New Life for Downtown Vacant Lot...



A vacant lot in the downtown area, the previous location of the Downtown Fire Station, received a makeover last week. The Downtown Association Design Committee approached the City a few months ago with a request for temporary use of the lot located at 4th and Anderson. A collaborative design effort by the Downtown Association and Public Works

Department staff was approved by the Parks Commission. Public Works crew, Downtown Association Board members, volunteers, and Councilor Vaughan completed the project on Friday, August 17th. The City approved the temporary use until the property can be sold for development and provided funding for the improvements. Everything put into the area can be relocated and reused when the property sells. A big *Thank You* to **Karl Bender, 3B's Nursery**, for donating all the plants. The Downtown Association plans to schedule music for lunch time enjoyment in the month of September. The landscaping provides great curb appeal to the downtown area. Thank you City of Coos Bay for allowing a temporary use of the vacant lot and the Public Works staff who worked on the project

Soon to be installed is an informational sign regarding future development of the property. Perhaps for the interim, the lot can be referred to as 4th Street Place.



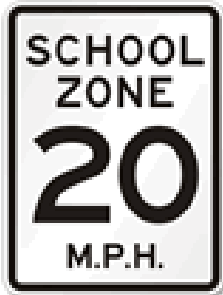
Pictured above:

Nate Clausen, PW staff, Candis Wade, Ticor Title, Larry Reiber, Scoville/Reiber CPAs, and Mike Cook

Pictured left:

Larry Reiber, Councilor Vaughan, and Candis Wade.

The School Bell is Ringing...



Summer is winding down, and it's time for a whole new group of little pedestrians and two-wheelers to be out and about on their way to school.

As these young students begin to fan out across the community on their way to school, it's important that as drivers we always remember they are out there and may not yet be fully adept at bicycle and pedestrian safety. Use extra caution when driving on known school-bound routes and when driving by a younger bike rider. Make sure to give them just a little extra room in case they are a little unsteady on their bike.

This added measure of caution also goes for young pedestrians. Walking with friends can be a lot of fun, but sometimes it can lead to a little bit of "horse-play" and some friendly kids play can cause them to unintentionally step out into the roadway. Always be prepared and expect the unexpected! Be prepared for that young pedestrian darting out in the roadway or crossing in a crosswalk.

Slow down! Following speed laws around school zones is not just the prudent legal thing to do, but it's a life safety measure. Especially during drop off and pickup times, the school zones can be extremely crowded with vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. During the first week of school, there can be the added complication of new students and parents who are attempting to find the right place to drop off or park.

Many students are transported to and from area schools on school buses. Oregon law requires drivers to stop whenever the red lights on a school bus are flashing regardless of the direction you are traveling. The law applies to any roadway with two or more lanes of traffic, including multi-lane highways such as Highway 101, Ocean Bulivard, and Newmark Avenue.



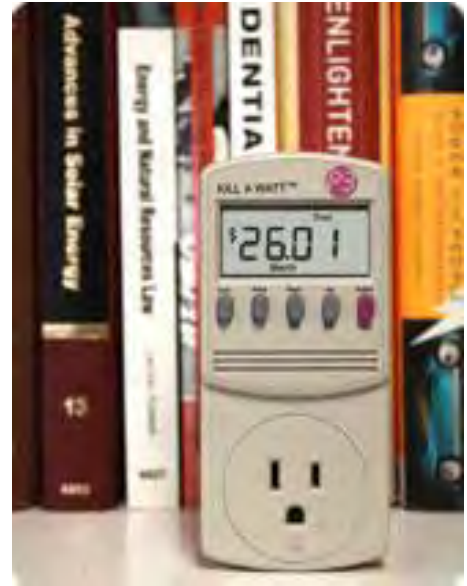
It's not all about the driver. It also comes down to educating our new students about the "rules of the road" and appropriate pedestrian safety measures. Take time before the first day of school to go over the appropriate pedestrian safety measures. Discuss the safe way to cross the street, and the importance of not just checking once but checking and rechecking to make sure it's safe to cross.

For bicyclists, make sure new school bike "commuters" are fully aware of the rules of the road, can safely operate their bike under a variety of circumstances, and they know how to react to those unusual circumstances that always seem to pop up in life.

Borrow a Kill A Watt monitor from your library...

Energy Trust and Coos Bay Public Library have joined forces to make Kill A Watt monitors available for check-out. Kill A Watt monitors measure the energy usage of household appliances and electronics. By finding out how much energy your electric devices are using and then making energy-saving adjustments, you can take charge of your electricity use and lower utility costs year-round.

Each monitor comes with information on how to use the Kill A Watt monitor and how to apply what you learn so that you can start saving energy. A list will tell you the types of devices in your home that are likely to use more energy than you realize, and the devices that continue to use energy even when they appear to be turned off.



Use the information you get from the Kill A Watt monitor and track the estimated electricity costs per month by each product in your household. Come check out a Kill A Watt monitor and start saving on your electric bill today.



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

- Sept. 4th 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.
- Sept. 11th 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.
- Sept. 13th 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 a.m.
- Sept. 19th 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.
- Sept. 20th Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held in the Manager's conference room at city hall at 4:00 pm.
- Sept. 18th 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.
- Sept. 18th 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.
- Sept. 26th 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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