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The Seismic Retrofit of City Hall is Nearly Complete!



While our staff and contractors are busy putting the finishing touches on this project, Mayor Shoji and the Coos Bay City Councilors want to invite you to the rededication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will include a ribbon cutting by Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, guided tours of the building, and refreshments.

The \$2.5 million seismic retrofit of city hall was made possible through a \$1.5 million Seismic Rehabilitation grant from Oregon Emergency Management, \$600,000 from the City's general fund, and \$400,000 from City Urban Renewal Agency. The primary goal of the project was to upgrade city hall to a level of performance necessary to allow immediate re-occupancy following a seismic event, and thus allow police and 9-1-1 dispatchers to provide emergency services to the community. The project also included upgrading the electrical and heating/cooling system, and updating the interior of the facility.

For additional information on this project contact Randy Dixon, Public Works Operation's Administrator at (541) 269-8918 or rdixon@coosbay.org.

Caution, Road Construction Ahead!

US 101 Project – A long sought after sidewalk connection along US 101 at the foot of the east side of Telegraph Hill (near Super 8 Motel) will soon be a reality. The City of Coos Bay, through its Urban Renewal Agency, has partnered with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) by contributing \$50,000 toward construction of the sidewalk. This particular sidewalk improvement is part of the larger **ODOT US 101: North Bend to Coos Bay Paving, Signals, and Sidewalk project**.



Contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation are planning to break ground on the one-year long *US 101: North Bend to Coos Bay Paving, Signals, and Sidewalks* project next week. Knife River (LTM) is the prime contractor for this \$6.5 million project.

The project will build or replace sidewalks along US Highway 101 this fall and winter, replace four traffic signals. It will construct curb extensions at several intersections in downtown North Bend this winter or next spring, and pave four miles of US 101 from McCullough Bridge to Fir Street next summer.

Most construction this fall will involve building or replacing sidewalks along the southbound side of US 101 in northern Coos Bay. Contractors are planning to break ground near the Pro Build lot at Fir Street and work their way north until they reach the Washington Street area in late fall or early winter.

This schedule will allow the City of North Bend to complete its sidewalk project before ODOT begins work in the downtown area later this year or early next year.

Upcoming impacts: Motorists can expect intermittent shoulder and lane closures along southbound US 101 this fall due to sidewalk work. Pedestrians should watch for sidewalk closures.

Impacts to businesses: When sidewalks are replaced, there may be direct or indirect impacts to adjacent businesses. Sometimes this will mean sidewalk, lane, or shoulder closures. Other impacts may involve noise or temporary closure of accesses. ODOT will make every effort to keep these impacts to a minimum, and to notify adjacent businesses in advance.

Sidewalk at Telegraph Hill: As part of this project, ODOT will shift US 101 (NE Broadway) a few feet to the left at Telegraph Hill. Knife River will build a segment of sidewalk on the right side of the road allowing pedestrians to safely walk from northern Coos Bay into the downtown area without crossing the highway. This work will impact traffic, but construction on this segment will not take place until next year.

Construction updates: At this time ODOT can only provide a general overview of their schedule. As more information becomes available, ODOT will provide periodic construction updates to the Coos Bay and North Bend communities.

Fire Prevention Week 2012



During National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 - 13, 2012, attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention; however, we should practice fire safety all year long. Many potential fire hazards go undetected because people simply do not take steps to fireproof their home.

Many bedroom fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles, smoking in bed, and children playing with matches and lighters. Most potential hazards can be addressed with a little common sense. For example, be sure to keep flammable items like bedding, clothes, and curtains at least three feet away from portable heaters or lit candles and never smoke in bed. Also, items like appliances or electric blankets should not be operated if they have frayed power cords, and electrical outlets should never be overloaded.

Join us for Fire Prevention Week

Open House

**Free Drawings,
Games & More**

**Hot Dogs, Drinks,
Fun &
Educational
Activities**

**Wednesday, October 10th
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Coos Bay Fire Department**

Fire Safety Checklist:

- Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery at least once a year.
- Designate two escape routes from each bedroom and practice them regularly.
- Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire.
- Avoid storing old mattresses in the home or garage.
- Teach kids that matches, lighters, and candles are tools, not toys. If you suspect that a child is playing with fire, check under beds and in closets for telltale signs like burned matches. Matches and lighters should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet.



Coos Bay Fire & Rescue

Concept for Downtown Brand Developed

The Coos Bay Downtown Association Main Street Promotions Committee has been working on a brand for the downtown business district for the past few months. CBDA President Brian Bowers presented three color variations of the brand to the City Council this week. The association will be contacting downtown businesses over the next few weeks for input on the brand. If the brand seems familiar, the Old Marshfield brand was presented by businessman Gary Rifkin last year.



Farmers Market

The 2012 Farmers Market is winding down. Through the end of the month you can find your fresh fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies, candies, breads, along with handmade arts and crafts as well. The Farmers Market has something for everyone! The Farmers Market can be found every Wednesday on Central Ave. and Sunday in the parking lot next to the Visitor's Information Center from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

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 www.coosbaydowntown.org or email Sarah Crawford at coosbayfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Fun at the Fun Festival

The Coos Bay Downtown Association held a fundraiser at the Bay Area Fun Festival last month. The dunk tank provided an opportunity for citizens to dunk a number of community leaders. Dunkees included local citizens running for elected offices, school district leaders, downtown association president, and city manager. The Association raised over \$1,050 which will be used to promote downtown businesses and the Main Street Program.



Rick Shearer, Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association, took delight in paying \$20 to push the button and dunk City Manager Rodger Craddock

Mail Theft – It's More Than Missing Paper



Mail spilling out of a mailbox or mail slot, anxiously waiting to be opened, can tell a lot about you and your family, some of which you may not want someone to know - especially a complete stranger!

Would you routinely put a sign on your house "not home"? You certainly would not, but that overflowing mail is saying exactly that...you are not home! If you are going to be gone for a day or two, have a trusted

neighbor or friend pick up your mail, and ask them to collect it as soon as possible after delivery. If you don't have someone to pick up the mail, contact the United State Postal Service (USPS) for them to hold your mail until you return.

Besides telling everyone you aren't home, mail can provide some very enticing financial opportunities for thieves - especially identity thieves! A bill or document with account numbers, social security numbers, your date of birth, or more information can allow a would-be thief to potentially access your credit or cause other financial problems by assuming your identity. Don't give thieves the opportunity to steal this information. Remove your mail as soon as possible from your mail box.

One more note on mail – it's a good idea, when possible, to deliver your outgoing mail to a postal facility, mailbox, or directly into the hands of a letter carrier. Leaving bills and other items outside for pickup can be tempting to thieves.

Here are a few tips to keep your mail secure:

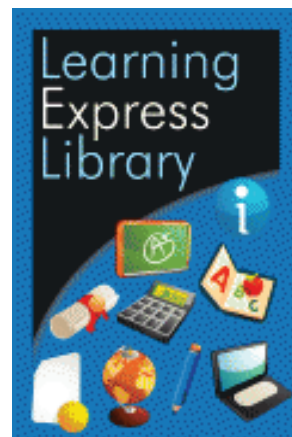
- If your mail is deposited into an unsecure location (mail box, basket, placed with easy access) then make sure it's collected as soon as possible after delivery. If you get home late or you're going to be gone overnight, ask a trusted neighbor to collect the mail for you.
- Leaving mail for pickup is risky because it is the perfect opportunity for thieves looking for a "check in the mail" that they can take, wash (remove portions of the check such as who it is made out to) and attempt to cash the check to themselves.
- When possible, have checks direct deposited into your bank account so that you don't have "paper checks" coming in the mail. Contact your financial institutions and ask them to stop sending you credit offers.
- Setup your mail receptacle so that the mail drops into a locked box, your garage or other location where it is difficult to be retrieved by an unauthorized person.
- Be prepared for what's coming in the mail. Know the normal dates you receive bills/invoices and also when to expect items being sent to you (such as replacement credit cards) and contact the sender/issuer if they don't arrive when expected.

The above article is an excerpt from the September 2012 Coos Bay Crime Prevention Connection. 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 at <http://coosbay.org/police/index.html>

School is back and so is homework!

The Coos Bay Public Library is brimming with resources to help students of all ages complete assignments, write papers, and research topics. There are books, magazines, and newspapers available onsite in Coos Bay. If a student still can't find that exact book they need, anything from the collections at the eight partner libraries can be brought to Coos Bay for no charge.

If late night study is needed, the library can provide for that also. A wide range of databases is available online all of the time. They range from medical topics to math lesson plans. All that is required to use the databases is a valid library card.



One recommended site for skill development is LearningExpress Library. Here, you'll discover helpful eBooks, instantly scored practice tests, essays, and exercises, as well as fun lessons designed to build your skills for classes, homework, quizzes, and important exams. There are different categories depending on the grade level.

And as always there are librarians always willing to help during library hours. For more information visit the website at <http://bay.cooslibraries.org/> 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

2012

Oct. 2nd Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2nd Coos Bay Urban Renewal - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Oct. 9th Coos Bay Planning Commission – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 11th 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.

Oct. 16th City Hall Rededication – The rededication ceremony will commence at 5:30 pm and will be followed by guided tours.

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Oct. 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.

Oct. 25th Coos Bay Tree Board – The meeting will be held in the City Manager's Conference room in city hall and will start at 4:00 p.m.

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

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