

Mayor Crystal Shoji



**July 2013** 



Council President Stephanie Kramer



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On July 4, 1776, America claimed its independence from Great Britain. In an effort to celebrate the 237<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July events which includes the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Park, a Family Fun Day at Mingus Park, and Fireworks over the Bay.



Councilor Jennifer Groth

The day's schedule:



10:00 a.m. - Mayor's Firecracker Run

11:00 a.m. - Flag Ceremony held by the Boy Scouts

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Various **food booths** and other **fun activities** for the family including face painting, police K-9 demo, Elks Club drug awareness program, and fishing with the Coos Bay Fire Department and Oregon Fish & Wildlife Department.

 $1:30\ p.m.-4:00\ p.\ m.$  Free swimming at the Mingus Park swimming pool.

Everyone is welcome to join the fun at Mingus Park.



Mike Vaughar



Councilor Mark Daily







# Streets Task Force Committee

The City of Coos Bay is forming a Streets Task Force to gather citizen input and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the best alternatives to maintain City roadways and plan for future growth. All members shall be City residents. Community members residing outside the City, but who own property within the City are considered to have a residential status. *Applications due on July 5<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.* 

# **Planning Commission**

The seven-member Planning Commission is made up of volunteer citizens, and the Planning Commission functions primarily as a comprehensive planning body by proposing policy and legislation to the City Council and by implementing regulations relating to the growth and development of the community. The Planning Commission conducts its business through public hearings and work sessions usually scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on a second Tuesday of each month. The appointment is to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2015. *Applications due on July 25<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.* 

Applications and information are available from the City Manager's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 541-269-8912, or on the City's website at www.coosbay.org

# Celebrate Independence Day Safely...

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July seems to be the true launch of summer. It's warm, 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.

Certain actions can impact the speed of alcohol absorption into the blood and the amount of time/quantity between consumptions 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 use a designated driver at the barbeque - someone who vows not just to "watch their alcohol" but won't drink any alcohol.

Coos Bay Police Department

# Fireworks Safety

If using fireworks (only in lawfully allowed locations), be sure not to mix them with alcohol. There's no question that your judgment is impacted when your blood alcohol goes up, and combining alcohol 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, 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.

# Smoke Detector Give Away

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue still has some new smoke detectors to give-away. The smoke detector give-away program was made possible through a grant provided by Bay Area Hospital

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).
- You must be over the age of 65 or have children under the age of 12 living in the home.
- o For those with children living in the home, your total household income must be less 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 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This program will remain active while supplies last.

The Coos Bay Fire Department would like to remind everyone to make sure that they have at least one working smoke detector and to know and practice how to exit your home in case of an emergency. Also, identify a meeting place so you know that all of your family is safe. If you need any additional information about this program, please contact Battalion Chief Dan Crutchfield or Fire Chief Stan Gibson at (541) 269-1191.





# Summer Reading Time...



The library will be offering exciting programming on Thursdays as part of the 2013 Summer Reading Program. On July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, Hart's Reptile World will present "Trekking with Turtles". A variety of turtles and tortoises will be on hand for children to observe. On July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, Meg Balaconis will present "Rocks Talk!" as a way to familiarize yourself with the rocks, fossils, and sand under your feet. On the last Thursday of July at 11:00 am, the program will be full of interactive songs, fun dancing, and a lot of music as Rich Glauber presents Music in Action.

In addition to the Thursday programs, readers are encouraged to track time spent reading in special reading logs that are available at the library. Completed logs can be redeemed for special prizes.



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





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# **City Calendar**

Coos Bay City Hall 500 Central Avenue Coos Bay, OR 97420

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July 2<sup>nd</sup> Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Coos Bay City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Police Department (541) 269-8911

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Coos Bay Urban Renewal - The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Coos Bay City Hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Fire Department (541) 269-1191

July 9<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Planning Commission – The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Coos Bay City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Library (541) 269-1101

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Coos Bay City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Public Works Department (541) 269-8918

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Urban Renewal** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Coos Bay City Hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Community Development Department (541) 269-8924

**July 17**th **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.

Finance Department (541) 269-8915

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.

City Manager's Office (541) 269-8912

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