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## What's Been Happening at the Egyptian Theatre?

By Greg Rueger,

Egyptian Theater Preservation Association Board President

Christmas came early last year for the Egyptian Theatre. On December 20th, the Meyer Memorial Trust informed us that they had awarded us a grant of \$160,000 -- the largest award we have received in our capital campaign! A very merry Christmas indeed! The Meyer Memorial Trust is a private foundation focused on supporting Oregon communities (the Trust is not connected to Fred Meyer, Inc.) The award was targeted at assisting us to complete many of the renovation and restoration projects that we felt were high priority to tackle after we had completed the seismic and structural repairs, and before we re-open the Egyptian Theatre. We now have the funds needed to enhance our emergency exit lighting, restore internal features such as the two main decorated columns in our auditorium, restore/repaint the ceiling and balcony facade, and several other patron safety and comfort related enhancements. In addition, the Meyer Memorial Trust award provided us a little more than half of the \$154,000 we estimated was needed to restore and enhance the facade of the Egyptian Theatre -- to recreate wonderful historical elements and "bring the show to the street".

There was one catch to our Christmas present. As is often the case with large foundation grants, the Meyer Memorial Trust award was a "top-off" grant. That means before we received any of the \$160,000 awarded we would need to demonstrate that we had received, or had firm commitments for, the remaining funds we estimated were needed to complete the projects for which we had requested their support. At the end of 2013, we were about \$70,000 short of meeting the "top-off" condition. Since the Broadway facade restoration/enhancement was the specific project needing additional funding and we believed the facade restoration would be a major enhancement to downtown Coos Bay, we decided to apply for a facade improvement grant from Coos Bay's Urban Renewal Agency (URA). With our City friends strongly behind us, we moved with lightning speed. On December 30th, we went before Coos Bay's Design Review Committee and received a strong endorsement of the facade design our historic preservation consultant, George Kramer, had produced for us. A week later we presented our request

to the URA and, with unanimous and enthusiastic support from the URA, received a facade improvement grant of \$70,000 -- fully funding our facade restoration project and providing us what we needed to meet the Meyer Memorial Trust "top-off" condition.

As is now very visible outside of our Theatre, construction has been progressing rapidly. On the back wall, you can now see the completed structural supports and our new, upgraded electrical service to the Theatre. In front, you see a plywood structure attached to the Theatre's awning that encloses the area in front of our entrance doors. What mysterious things are

we doing behind this enclosure? We are laying the new tile sidewalk designed by City Councilor Mike Vaughan that we shared with you at our annual meeting and in our last newsletter. The enclosure provides Jim Pallo Construction, a local tile artisan, with the dry and heated space needed to lay the tiles this time of year. Come join us at our grand unveiling of the tile sidewalk, now scheduled for Saturday, March 1st. Be among the first to "Walk Like An Egyptian" across our new tile pavement!



The new facade



New beams support the theatre's back wall



The new tile work and sidewalk slope away from the front doors

## Koha is coming to the Library

 *koha* So what is Koha and what does that mean for the library patrons?

Koha is an integrated library system - basically what the library uses to check books in and out, keep track of patron information, and enter books and other materials so patrons can find them. Koha will allow the library to offer many more services to the patrons. For instance, keeping track of what you have read and what you would like to read will be easy to do. There will be opportunities for patrons feedback through reviews and tagging materials using key terms to share items with other patrons. The new system will also be able to notify patrons through email, text, and other means of holds ready to pick up, when items are due, and if anything is overdue. Each patron will have the chance to customize their library experience in a way that is most helpful to them.

Searching for an item in the system will also be easier. There are more enhanced keyword searches and overall better advanced searching available along with filtering by location, material type, and availability. A patron should be able to find what they need in a more efficient and exact manner.

The library will be closed February 10th and 11th for staff training. Expect to see the new system in operation in March. Bear with us as we work out all the interesting situations that may arise in order to bring better service to all library patrons.



## Hours

Library:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 12:00pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday Closed

Friends of the Library Book Store:

Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm



## Mobile Device Theft Prevention Tips

With the ever rising popularity and price of smart phones, tablets, kindles, and other handheld computing devices, they have become a common target for thieves. With that being the case, the Coos Bay Police Department would like to share some simple tips that you can take to prevent the theft of your device and in the event it is stolen to increase the chances of your device being recovered.

- ◆ *Don't leave your mobile device in your vehicle, on a counter at a store or bathroom. Simply put it back in your pocket or purse.*
- ◆ *Try to avoid charging your device in area that is not secured.*
- ◆ *Always use a password and secure your device.*
- ◆ *Make sure to save the box when you buy your phone or mobile device because the label has important information in case of theft.*
- ◆ *Write down your serial number and IMEI number by accessing "settings", and save it in case of theft.*
- ◆ *Download and enable applications such as "Find my iPhone" or "Android Device Manager" on your mobile phone or tablet.*
- ◆ *Know your passwords for iTunes or Google Play, so you can access the device remotely.*
- ◆ *Call 911 as soon as possible after a theft because the faster we can track a device, the greater the likelihood it will be recovered.*

Coos Bay Police Department



## Downtown Flower Baskets

Help Coos Bay flourish! The Coos Bay Downtown Association, in partnership with the City of Coos Bay, is looking for sponsors of the downtown flower baskets. Every summer, these flower baskets line our streets, and are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. The flowers bring a fresh and vibrant feel to our retail core, and they invite shoppers to spend more time enjoying our stores and public spaces downtown. Bring beauty and life to downtown Coos Bay, and sponsor a flower basket today! If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a sponsorship, contact Katherine Hayes at the Coos Bay Downtown Association at 541-266-9706 or email her at [manager@coosbaydowntown.org](mailto:manager@coosbaydowntown.org).

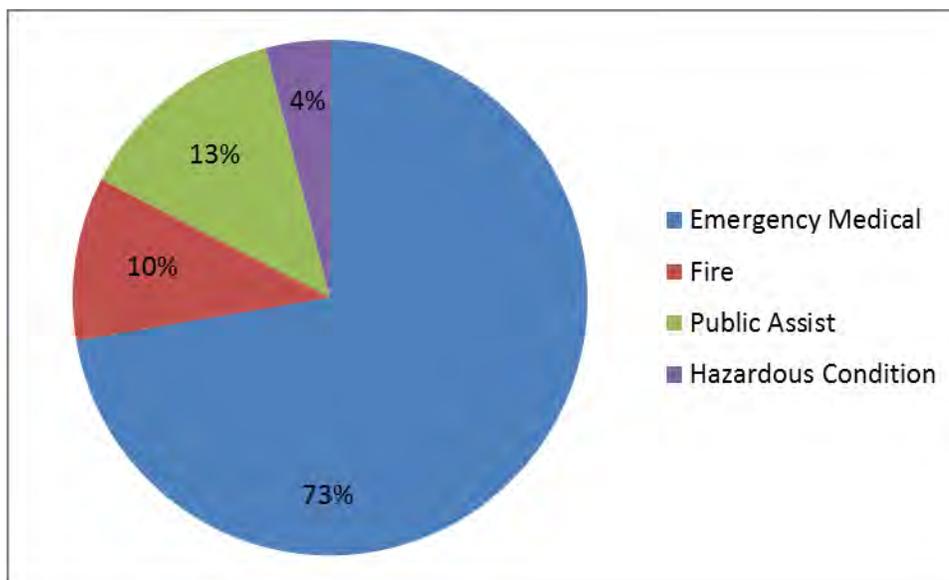


# Coos Bay Fire Department 2013 Annual Report



The Coos Bay Fire Department responded to 2,517 emergencies in 2013. This is a 6% increase from 2011 (2,371) and up 2% from 2012 (2,467). That's an average of almost seven calls each day. Emergency responses can be grouped in the following four categories:

- 72.4% Medical Emergencies (with patient contact)
- 13.3% Public Assist (lift assist, etc.)
- 10.2% Fire Related (house fire, car fire, smoke investigation, fire alarm activation, etc.)
- 4.1% Hazardous Condition (motor vehicle accidents, Hazardous material spills, downed power lines, etc.)



The Coos Bay Fire Department is made up of 16 full-time career firefighters, 6 interns (resident volunteers) and 12 active volunteers.

In addition to emergency responses:

- Firefighters participated in 2,557 hours of training: an average of 75 hours each.
- Firefighters conducted fire safety inspections at 420 businesses.
- Provided 43 hours of Community Education through dozens of programs and a variety of safety topics targeting all age groups.

## SANITARY SEWER



The City of Coos Bay Public Works Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and treatment of wastewater to an environmentally safe level for returning the water back to the ecological system.

The City of Coos Bay has two wastewater treatment plants, 23 pump stations, and approximately 93 miles of sanitary sewer mains. Each year about 25% of the City's sanitary sewer mains are inspected and cleaned. Mains requiring a higher level of maintenance are cleaned annually, semi-annually, or more. This routine maintenance helps to prevent blockages and sewer backups.

As a resident, you can play a key role in preventing sanitary sewer backups. To help prevent backups, please dispose of the following items properly not by dumping in a drain or flushing down the toilet:

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, grease, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, or solvents
- Yard waste such as sand, soil, or mud



Inflow and infiltration (I&I) is also a potential cause of sewer backups. I&I refers to clear water getting into the sanitary sewer system. This might occur through cracks or leaks in sewer pipes and manholes or from sump pumps incorrectly connected to the sanitary sewer system. Particularly during large rain events, I&I can cause the sanitary sewer system to overflow resulting in sewer backups.



Because of the potential for I&I to create system issues, City ordinance prohibits property owners from disposing of clear water into the sanitary sewer system. This includes water from any roof, surface or ground sump pump, foundation drain, or basement drain.

Sanitary sewer problems should be reported to the City of Coos Bay Public Works Department at (541) 269-8918.

Outside regular business hours, emergencies can be reported to the City of Coos Bay Police Department at (541) 269 – 8911. Note that per City code, the sewer line from your home, business, or other property to the City sewer main is your responsibility to maintain even that portion in the City right-of-way. **That means that you as the property owner are responsible for clearing any blockages.**

If you have questions regarding the City's sanitary sewer maintenance program, sewer backup response, or a specific incident, please contact the Public Works Department at (541) 269-8918, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Coos Bay Public Library presents



# Inherit the Earth



**"An enviro-mentary series"**

Join us **Monday evenings in February** to view current documentaries concerning the state of our planet. Screen time is **7:00 p.m.**

## **Monday, Feb. 3rd - "A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet"**

Spanning 50 years of grassroots and global activism, this Sundance documentary brings to light the vital stories of the environmental movement where people fought - and succeeded - against enormous odds. From halting dams in the Grand Canyon to fighting toxic waste at Love Canal; from Greenpeace to Chico Mendes; from climate change to the promise of transforming our civilization, this film offers a detailed history of environmentalism. (2012, 101 min.)

## **\*Monday, Feb. 10th - "Last Call at the Oasis" Library Closed/Doors open at 6:40**

Water. It's the earth's most valuable resource. Our cities are powered by it, countless industries depend on it, and all living things need it to survive. But it's very possible that in the near future, there won't be enough to sustain life on our planet. From Academy Award®-winning director Jessica Yu, this film sheds light on the vital role water plays in our lives, exposes the defects in the current system, shows communities already struggling with its ill effects and introduces us to individuals who are championing revolutionary solutions, such as activist Erin Brockovich and distinguished experts Peter Gleick, Alex Prud'homme, Jay Famiglietti and Robert Glennon. (2011, 105 min.)

## **Monday, Feb. 17th - "Chasing Ice"**

In the spring of 2005, environmental photographer James Balog headed to the Arctic for National Geographic to capture images to help tell the story of the Earth's changing climate. Even with a scientific upbringing, he had been a skeptic about climate change. But that trip opened his eyes and sparked a challenge that would put his career and his very well-being at risk. His Extreme Ice Survey placed revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the brutal Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers. His hauntingly beautiful videos compress years into seconds and capture ancient mountains of ice in motion as they disappear at a breathtaking rate. (2012, 75 min.)

## **Monday, Feb. 24th - "Surviving Progress"**

Technological advancement, economic development, population increase - are they signs of a thriving society? Or too much of a good thing? Produced by Martin Scorsese, this provocative documentary explores the concept of progress in our modern world, guiding us through the major "progress traps" facing our civilization in the arenas of technology, economics, consumption, and the environment. Featuring powerful arguments from such visionaries as Jane Goodall, Margaret Atwood and Stephen Hawking, this enlightening and visually spectacular film invites us to contemplate the progress traps that destroyed past civilizations and that lie treacherously embedded in our own. (2011, 86 min.)

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, microwave ovens, washers, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical current when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- Test GFCI circuits once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
- Discolored or warm wall outlets.
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.
- Flickering or dimming lights.
- Sparks from an outlet.



# City Calendar

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Planning Commission** – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> URA Advisory Committee** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 5:30 pm.

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Tree Board** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.

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For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall  
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