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September 2014 in Coos Bay

While the sun is setting on what is left of our summer, and while September usually marks 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 some of the upcoming special events:

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K-9 Buddy Sniffs Out Retirement

After five years of dedicated service and well over 200 deployments, K-9 Buddy is



retiring from law enforcement. K-9 Buddy, a black Labrador Retriever, began his service as a Drug Detection K-9 with the Coos Bay Police Department in February of 2009. Throughout his five year career, he not only served the Coos Bay Police Department, but he and his handler, Senior Officer Mark Ereth, also assisted other local law enforcement agencies in locating a myriad of narcotics and narcotic related evidence. Senior Officer Ereth and Buddy held certifications through the Oregon Police Canine Association as well as the Pacific Northwest Canine Association.

In addition to their police work, K-9 Buddy and Senior Officer Ereth provided many community presentations and served as goodwill ambassadors for the Police Department. The Coos Bay Police Department commends this extremely valuable K-9

team on their dedication and service to the citizens of Coos Bay. K-9 Buddy will spend his well-deserved retirement living in the lap of luxury with Senior Officer Ereth and his family.



- 1. Brush must be out prior to first day of pickup.
- 2. Brush must be in one pile, must be 5ft. or less in length.
- 3. Brush must be out next to the curb free from overhead obstacles, fire hydrants and other obstacles.
- 4. One (1) pile per address, NO group piles.
- 5. Brush must not exceed 5 cubic yards. More than 5 yards can be taken, but prior arrangements must be made.
- 6. No grass clippings, sod, dirt, loose leaves, plastic bags, bailing twine or other materials, which are not appropriate for grinding.

There will be an \$8.75 per cubic yard additional cost during brush pickup, and a \$10.50 per cubic yard plus trip fee for pickup after scheduled brush pickup is finished.

For More Information Call:

Les' Sanitary at (541) 267-2848 or Coos Bay Sanitary at (541) 267-6675



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Saying Goodbye

Deputy Chief Gene A. Ellis (ret.) May 11, 1937 – August 10, 2014

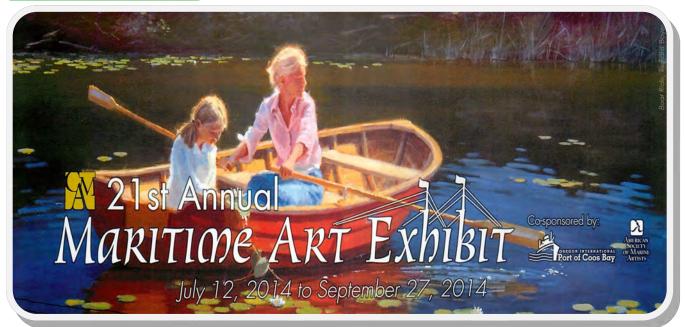
The Coos Bay Fire Department was saddened by the passing of retired Deputy Chief Gene Ellis on August 10, 2014. Born May 11, 1937, Gene started his career with the Marshfield Fire Department in 1957 as a resident volunteer or sleeper; and he was hired as a full-time firefighter with the department shortly after that. Gene worked up through the ranks and retired at the rank of Deputy Chief of Operations in January of 1995. Gene worked for the department for an additional two years as a consultant. Over his 40 year career with the department, Gene witnessed the consolidation of Empire, Eastside, and Marshfield. He was on duty for the Columbus Day storm in 1962 and participated in fighting some historical fires including the Michigan Avenue School, Sunset Middle School, the



Montmore Lumber Mill, Coos Bay Bowling Alley, Timber Inn Motel, and dozens of others. Ellis was well known for his knowledge and operation of the equipment, but he also enjoyed sharing his knowledge of firefighting with volunteers. The members of the department, many of whom worked with Gene, wish to honor him for his life-long service to this community. For Gene's wife Mary E. Ellis and their extended family, we grieve with you at the loss of a local hero.



Don't miss this annual juried exhibition of Maritime themed art from major artists from around the country. Sixty-seven works by forty-five of the nation's leading maritime artists.



Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm CLOSED Sunday and Monday and all major holidays.





New Program for Young Readers

In partnership with Furry Friends Therapy Dogs, the Furry Friends Book Club will kick off in September. These certified therapy dogs make great reading buddies. Reading to a dog gives children a fun atmosphere in which to practice reading skills. The dogs are lovable, snuggly, and patient listeners. An experience like this can be a confidence booster for struggling or reluctant readers. This

program will be offered the third Tuesday of every month. Sessions are limited, so please reserve a spot for a child by calling Bekah at 541-269-1101 x236.

Computer Classes at the Library

The library will be offering computer classes in September. For beginning users, there is a computer mouse class on the September 12th at 9:30 a.m. No previous computer experience is necessary.

Job seekers can attend the Job Assist Computer Lab on the 26th at 9:15 a.m. Time is set aside before the library opens for job seekers to work on resumes, master online applications, or explore job sites. Staff are on hand to help job seekers with computers skills.

For those interested in downloadable books, there is a Library2Go Workshop on September 29th at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their digital devices and explore the options the library provides. For more information on any of the class offerings call Paul at 541-269-1101 ext. 222.



Hours

Library: Friends of the Library Book Store:

Monday: Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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

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Chaplain Retires

Dr. Jerry Hamilton is retiring as Chaplain for the Bay Area Emergency Services Agencies after 19 years. Pastor Jerry is credited as the founder and coordinator of Coos Bay's Chaplaincy program. Our Chaplains assist Coos Bay and North Bend Police and Fire Departments as well as Oregon State Police and the Coos County Sherriff's office with death notification, grief counseling, critical incident stress debriefing, religious support and funeral services. The area has three volunteer Chaplains that are on-call and rotate these responsibilities.



Pastor Jerry was a career firefighter in the

Park Rose area of Portland while he attended Bible School. He left the fire service for full-time ministry serving in Ethiopia, but a revolution there forced his return to the states. In 1988, Jerry earned two doctorate degrees in Ministry and English Bible from the California Graduate School of Theology. Jerry and his wife Carol came to the Coos Bay/North Bend area in 1993, and Jerry served as senior pastor of Skyline Baptist Church in North Bend. In 1995, he was one of several area pastors recruited by Captain Bob Mill of the Coos Bay Fire Department to start the Chaplain program. Jerry was instrumental in getting the group organized and registered. He wrote their bylaws and guidelines, ensured that Chaplains were adequately trained in counseling, and developed relationships with the area Police and Fire Departments. He has been an unofficial promoter of our uniformed officers and was a key figure in the aftermath of the Far West fire that claimed the lives of three of our firefighters.

Pastor Jerry retired from Skyline Baptist Church and full-time ministry in 2007, but he continues to teach in churches along the South Coast as a fill-in or substitute. At 77 years old, and with growing health concerns, Jerry has decided that it is time to pass along his responsibilities as Chaplain. Lieutenant Kevin Pope of the Salvation Army, an active Chaplain with the program for the past four years, will take over as the program coordinator. The Police and Fire services personnel from around the community are grateful for Dr. Hamilton's service, and we hope that he is able to enjoy his retirement.

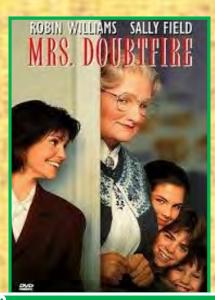
Special City Council Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Coos Bay City Council, Tuesday September 30, 2014 at the Sunset Middle School gymnasium beginning at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to view and discuss possible architectural finishes for structures to be constructed at the new wastewater treatment plant at the northeast corner of Empire Boulevard and Fulton Avenue. There will be an opportunity for interested citizens to hear a presentation about proposed possibilities, view renderings, ask questions, and then make written and verbal comments to the City Council.





What's Playing In September



September 5th & 6th Show Starts at 7:00 pm



September 19th Show Starts at 7:00 pm



September 7th
Show Starts at 2:00 pm



2014 Finals
September 20th
Show Starts at 2:30 pm

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



The Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board is replacing a water main on **Ocean Boulevard** from the Water Board driveway entrance to Woodland Drive – a distance of about 1,500 feet. Construction started August 22, 2014, and it is anticipated to be completed November 3, 2014 by the Water Board's contractor Laskey-Clifton Corporation.

The water main replacement project on Ocean Boulevard will require some night time work. Below is a list of nights the work will be performed:

- Thursday, September 4th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm near the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Woodland Drive.
- Monday, September 8th from 7:00 pm through Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 am.
 Work crews will be working on Ocean Boulevard from the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Woodland Drive up to the Water Board entrance.
- Tuesday, September 9th from 7:00 pm through Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 am. Work crews will be working in the area of the Water Board entrance.
- Tuesday, September 16th from 7:00 pm through Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 am. Work crews will be working in the area of the Water Board entrance.

Continuous traffic flow will be maintained during this work, but one west-bound lane will be closed. Motorists should use caution and reduce speeds through the construction zone. Alternatively, motorists are encouraged to use other routes when practical.



For additional project information contact the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board at 541-267-3128.





Coos Bay Fire & Rescue

2nd Annual Get Ready Coos Bay Event Disaster Preparedness— September 13th

September is Disaster Preparedness month. This year the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is focusing on "Family Connection". The goal is to reinforce the importance of including children in the preparedness conversation. FEMA wants to make sure that every family has a goal and can answer three simple questions: who to call, where to meet, and what to pack.

When it comes to disasters, we have very little ability to keep them from happening. We can however prepare ourselves to be safe in the aftermath of a disaster. One thing that all disasters have in common is the need for preparations in advance to protect ourselves and our families in the aftermath.

There are several ways that you can get more information on how you should prepare for a major disaster. Get Ready Coos Bay is an event on September 13th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at Coos Bay Fire Station No. 1, located at 450 Elrod Avenue. This 2nd annual Get Ready Coos Bay event is a disaster preparedness fair with dozens of agencies available to answer questions and provide their unique perspective on survival and recovery. This is a great opportunity for you to come and learn more about what you can do to be prepared for a major disaster. You can also go to www.ready.gov for more information on disaster preparedness. The Fire Department hosts different events and training throughout the year to help keep our community safe and prepared.

For additional event and training information you can go to our website at www.coosbay.org (Government>City Departments>Fire Department). You can also like us on Facebook for regular safety messages, what we are doing, and upcoming community training opportunities.



Downtown Coos



Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central Avenue)

Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Visitor's Center Parking Lot)









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Area Fun



- **ROCKS & GEM FEST 2014** Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- **MALL MARKET & FOOD VENDORS** Saturday, Sunday

Fun Festival 2014 *

Area

- SHOW N' SHINE Saturday 9-3, Vintage Autos
- OUILT SHOW Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
- **BEER & WINE GARDEN** Saturday 11-8, Sunday 11-4 Walt's Pourhouse
- **COOS BAY EAGLES** Saturday 11am-closing, Open House, Sock Hop w/Hot Wax

SATURDAY

10am PREFONTAINE MEMORIAL RUN

10am LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Bach Rock

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 11:30

Evolution am 1pm PARADE

2pm **EGYPTIAN THEATRE - F.T.**

Canned Food Donation

2-5pm BAY AREA TEEN IDOL FINALS

6-8pm 'CRUZ THE COOS' - Car Cruise

8pm **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Impact**

SUNDAY

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1:30pm PRE RUN FOR KIDS

2pm LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - Surface

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 541-267-0749 or www.bayareafunfestival.com

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City Calendar

- Sept. 2nd Coos Bay City Council The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.
- Sept. 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.
- **Sept. 2nd Coos Bay Tree Board –** The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 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.
- **Sept. 16th Coos Bay City Council** The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.
- **Sept. 16th 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.
- **Sept. 17th 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. 18th Parks Commission –** The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24th Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 5:30 p.m. (meeting held only if needed)

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