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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Many people utilize the beginning of the New Year to not only make new resolutions, but also to reflect on the past year. In looking back at 2014, I am most thankful for all those who have volunteered to make this a great community! Here are just a few examples of those who gave of their time and talent this past year:

Our 2014 **Budget Committee** members included Brian Bowers, Lucinda DiNovo, Philip Marler, Roy Metzger, Colin Myatt, Alan Pettit, and Brooke Walton.

The 2014 **Design Assistant Team** members were Hilary Baker, Darla Lesan, Andrew Locati, Ariann Lyons, Perry St. John, Sara Recken, and Robert Sasanoff.

Our Library benefited from Bruce Bennett, Dennis Dater, Kathy Erickson, Teri Jones, Deborah Ross, George Ruggles, Gina Sutherland, and Jennifer Groth who all served on the 2014 **Library Board**.

The 2014 **City's Parks Commission** members included Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Carmen Matthews, Bev Meyers, Bill Otton, Patty Scott, Jennifer Stephens, and Mike Vaughan.

Our 2014 **Planning Commissioners** were Jim Berg, Christine Coles, Bruce Harlan, Chris Hood, Jeff Marineau, Philip Marler, and Rex Miller.

Sarah Crawford, Ariann Lyons, Rex Miller, Jake Robinson, Kim Singh, Cora Vadervelden, and Mike Vaughan all served on the 2014 **Tree Board**.

The 2014 **Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** included Bill Richardson, Greg Rueger, Chrystal Shoji, Mike Vaughan, Susan Watson, and Brian Bowers.

And not to forget our **Mayor & City Councilors**, Mayor Shoji and Councilors Brian Bowers, Mark Daily, Jennifer Groth, Stephanie Kramer, Thomas Leahy, and Mike Vaughan all of who donate their talents, an enormous amount of their time and energy to make this a better community to live, work, and visit.

From a grateful city manager and on behalf of the City of Coos Bay, I thank you all!

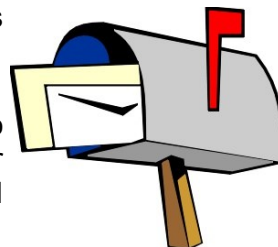
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Mail Theft – It's More Than Missing Paper

Mail spilling out of a mailbox or a 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 States 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.

New Employee In the Police Department

The Coos Bay Police Department is proud to announce the newest member to their dispatch team Kristi Elder. She comes to us with four years of emergency dispatch experience. She was born and raised in Grants Pass, Oregon where she graduated in 2008 from Grants Pass High school. After graduation, Kristi attended the University of Phoenix where she was working towards an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.



In 2010, Kristi was hired by Josephine County Sheriff's office as an emergency telecommunicator. In September of 2012, Kristi accepted a job offer and started working at the Oregon State Police Southern Command Center (SCC), which covers 15 counties, and 2/3 of the state's geography. At SCC, she excelled in her position as a Telecommunicator II, was quickly promoted to lead worker, and was functioning as a supervisor at the time of her departure.



Fortunately, Kristi decided to further her career at the Coos Bay Police Department/North Coos 911 Center; and she accepted a job offer in September 2014. Along with Kristi's experience, she brought with her a certification for Basic Communications from DPSST, FTEP (Field Training & Evaluation Program) certification, Advanced Ergonomic Assessor training, and her six month old kitten "Ike". Since being hired, she has completed the required Emergency Medical Dispatch training at DPSST, and she is well through the second phase of the Coos Bay Dispatch training process. Kristi

has adjusted well to the Coos Bay area, and she is a great fit in the Department and dispatch center. Please join us in welcoming Kristi to the Coos Bay Police Department and the City of Coos Bay.

Coos Bay and the Civil War

As we acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, please join Brown University graduate student and cemetery volunteer Becky Soules at the Coos Bay Public Library on **Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** for a presentation about some of Coos Bay's connections to the Civil War.

Coos Bay's Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery is the final resting place for over 60 veterans of the Civil War. In the aftermath of the war, opportunities in the booming Coos Bay region lured disabled and displaced veterans to the area. Civil War veterans shaped the City's development in the ensuing decades, establishing a local newspaper, representing the region in the state senate, serving as the port's customs officer, and working in jobs ranging from lawyers to lighthouse keepers.



Hours

Library:

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

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

Sunday: Closed

Friends of the Library Book Store:

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

If I were Mayor...



**The Oregon Mayor's Association and the City of Coos Bay
Invite you to enter the "If I were Mayor" contest.**

Share your idea about what you would do as mayor!

**Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win a
NEW APPLE IPAD AIR Tablet!!!**

CONTEST DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2015

CONTEST RULES

GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted.
- Submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but they are not eligible to receive prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in elementary school **grades 4 and 5** or being homeschooled at the same grade level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" l height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school **grades 6-8** or being homeschooled at the middle school grade level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.):

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in high school **grades 9-12** or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and submitted on disk or emailed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.



To submit your entry, please complete the form located on the City's website at:

<http://coosbay.org/archive/news-entry/if-i-were-mayor-contest>

Disaster Preparedness Class

In a major disaster, our community's ability to respond and recover is directly related to the preparedness of individuals, households, and neighborhoods. Whether it be an earthquake, Tsunami, Windstorm or other natural disaster, our community is at risk. The City of Coos Bay and the Fire Department is offering a class on disaster preparedness. The preparation efforts to most types of disaster are very similar. This Disaster Preparedness class is designed to provide the basic understanding of the types of disasters that threaten this community, how to prepare for an emergency, and what to expect for community recovery.



This class is being offered free of charge to anyone living in the Bay Area at least 18 years old. The class will be held on Friday, January 30th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Coos Bay Fire Station No. 1 located at 450 Elrod Avenue.

The Coos Bay Fire Department is committed to keeping the community safe. Help us help you and your neighbors by being informed and prepared. Please check our website and watch for announcements for future training opportunities on fire safety, CPR, and disaster preparedness at <http://coosbay.org/departments/fire-department>. If you would like to reserve a seat or if you have questions, please call the Coos Bay Fire Department at 541-269-1191.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Coos Bay Firefighters will be picking up Christmas trees that are located within the City limits of Coos Bay on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Firefighters ask that you place your tree next to the curb by 8:00 a.m. on January 3rd. There is no need to call the Fire Department because firefighters will check all streets located within the City limits starting at 8:00 a.m.

Coos Bay Firefighters ask for a canned food donation for the removal of your tree. This year the canned food donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to families in our area that need assistance.

Some of the collected trees will be used by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for improving stream banks and providing habitat for fish. Other trees will be ground up and recycled as garden mulch.

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue

City Calendar

Jan. 6th Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 6th 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.

Jan. 8th 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.

Jan. 12th Coos Bay Tree Board – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room in and will start at 12:00 p.m.

Jan. 13th Coos Bay Planning Commission – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 15th Parks Commission – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 21st 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.

Jan. 20th Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Jan. 20th 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.

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For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall at
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