



City of
Coos Bay

A city that honors its past while looking to the future



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Welcome to the City of Coos Bay! With a population of 16,060 this is the largest city on the Oregon Coast. Coos Bay, which was previously named Marshfield (name changed in 1944), is a great place to live and work. The City operates on a Council/Manager form of government with a Mayor and six Councilors, all volunteer positions, elected by the citizens.

Surrounded by emerald forests, the mighty Pacific Ocean, and the Bay (Coos Bay), the City of Coos Bay celebrates a rich history as a shipbuilding and lumber shipping center and a regional hub for Oregon's south coast. Coos Bay and its sister city, North Bend, form a commercial and retail center with professional, medical, educational, and media services. The City is working to redevelop its historically industrial waterfront.

The City of Coos Bay's completely automated public library is part of the Coos County Library system with an online catalogue and reciprocal usage service throughout the nation. Public safety is a priority, and the City of Coos Bay is proud of its Police and Fire Departments; the new fire hall is a source of community pride.

Fostering and educating the youth is a high priority. Coos Bay School District #9 serves approximately 3,600 students, K-12, and there are also additional private school options. Marshfield High School students excel in many fields. A few examples include involvement in international forensic competitions and national recognition for journalism publications. The Boys and Girls Club provides year-round athletic, dance, and educational programs. Coos Art Museum and other programs provide opportunities for artistic expression.

Southwestern Oregon Community College is the area's higher learning center with a 125-acre campus, and a university center that coordinates programs from Oregon universities. Undergraduate degrees are offered in numerous fields.

Bay Area Hospital is a 172-bed publicly owned acute care facility with more than 130 physicians and 1,000 employees. There are also numerous medical and retirement facilities within the community.

Visit downtown's Coos Art Museum for world class exhibits. Enjoy the nationally acclaimed Oregon Coast Music Festival in July. Visit the annual holiday lights display with over 275,000 lights at nearby Shore Acres State Park in December. Coos Bay's downtown farmer's market on Wednesdays is popular with residents and visitors during the summer months. With the ocean just a few miles away, the Bay, and abundant coastal rivers and forests, residents enjoy great fishing and a wide variety of outdoor activities.

Coos Bay is a proud community with a rich heritage and a "can-do" attitude. Get to know us. Get involved. Come to visit and stay. Start a business. Enjoy our community!

Mayor Crystal Shoji



Introduction

The City of Coos Bay is the largest city on the coast of Oregon with a current population of 16,210. Nourished by the fishing and timber industries, the community developed a strong pioneer heritage. While preserving our local culture, our goal is to strengthen and grow the city for future generations.

The natural scenic beauty of the bay, rivers, lakes, and dunes provide a peaceful lifestyle and hours of recreational activities. The city is within 20 minutes of the Pacific Ocean, hiking, fishing, beachcombing, picnicking, and camping. Since its incorporation in 1874 Coos Bay has become the largest city in Coos County and serves the medical, education, retail, and professional center for the south coast region.

Location

The City of Coos Bay is located on the Pacific Coast Highway, US 101, midway between San Francisco, CA and Seattle, WA, on Oregon's south coast. "Oregon's Bay Area", Coos Bay, shares a position on the Bay with the City of North Bend and the unincorporated village of Charleston. The Bay, with its sloughs and inlets, is the largest coastal estuary in the state and is the largest deep-draft maritime commerce center between the Columbia River and San Francisco Bay.



Transportation Access

Highway System. US Highway 101 follows the entire coast of Oregon and flows through the City of Coos Bay. The area is linked to Interstate 5 via state highways 42 (Coos Bay to Roseburg), 38 (Reedsport to I-5 at Curtin) and 126 (Florence to Eugene).

Air Service. The Bay Area and Coos County are served by Southwest Oregon Regional Airport and include Air Carriers, Executive Aircraft Accommodations, and Shipping Facilities. SkyWest provides four flights daily to Portland, with additional flights to San Francisco beginning the spring of 2008. Airport services and flight information may be obtained from the website www.flyoth.com. The adjoining airport business park provides an ideal environment for business startups.

Port District. The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay is the public port authority for the Bay Area and is Oregon's second busiest maritime port. As "Oregon's Gateway", the port actively seeks ways to promote maritime trade and transportation, and the seafood industry. The Port is a one of the area's greatest assets and is an important part of the city's economic health.



Rail Service. The Port of Coos Bay finalized acquisition of the rail line in March 2009 after Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad (CORP) discontinued service in September 2007. The Port has successfully obtained funding to repair the line and it is anticipated rail service will begin late summer 2011. Rail service is vital for the economy of southern Oregon. More information on the rail line is available on the Port's website www.portofcoosbay.com

Public Transit. Public transportation is provided by Coos County Area Transit (CCAT), a non-profit organization. Other transportation includes Yellow Cab Taxi Company and Enterprise Rent a Car.

Labor and Employment

The south coast has a ready work force due in part to the influx of people moving to the area for quality of life and the benefit of the well-established Southwestern Oregon College. The college offers a wide variety of educational opportunities and is a resource for customized employee training. The South Coast Business Employment Corporation offers job training and wage incentives.

Business Climate

Coos Bay is Open for Business. Information on the city's planning and zoning ordinances, business codes and licenses, enterprise zone incentives, and urban renewal districts is available from the City Manager's Office and the city's web site. www.coosbay.org

Property Tax Rate

Oregon does not have a sales tax but does have a state income tax. Property taxes apply to privately owned real property such as land, homes, farms, stores, factories, warehouses, and commercial offices. The rate is limited by the state constitution to 1.5 percent of assessed value, excluding voter approved bonded debt. For detailed tax information, contact the Coos County Tax Department at Coos County Courthouse, Coquille, OR 97423 (541-396-3121 ext. 266) or www.co.coos.or.us

Along with property tax on land, buildings, etc., the state also taxes businesses on personal property at the same rate as property. Corporations doing business in Oregon pay excise taxes. Additional information is available from the Oregon Department of Revenue, 503-378-4988.

Quality of Life

An extraordinary quality of life is what initially attracts many people and businesses to the Bay Area. The area offers an abundance of outdoor recreational activities, education opportunities, state of the art medical facilities, museums, unique shopping and restaurant experiences, full service libraries, and cultural events. Fishing, water sports, hiking, camping, boating, golfing, beaches and parks provide an abundant array of recreational activities. There are also a number of athletic clubs to choose from.



Shopping. A variety of unique shops are located in downtown Coos Bay, the Empire District, and in surrounding communities. You'll find everything from hand crafted items to local wines, cranberry candy, and seafood. Pony Village Mall, located in North Bend, is the largest indoor shopping center on the southern Oregon coast. The mall offers a number of specialty shops and restaurants as well as Macy's, Sears, and JC Penney.



Golfing. A combination of great weather and scenic beauty make the Bay Area a golfer's paradise. There are five golf courses ranging from family owned to nationally known courses, each providing a unique experience.

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is a nationally known course and offers three unique courses, a pro shop, lodge and restaurant, cabins, and a pub featuring breathtaking views of the ocean, forest, and dunes.

Bandon Crossings is a new course designed around the natural contours of sand dunes, over streams and into open coast forest. *Watson Ranch*, located south of Coos Bay, is open year round and is a semi-private course open to the public with golf pro and driving range. *Sunset Bay Golf Course* is located three miles south of the community of Charleston adjoining Sunset Bay State Park. This is a family friendly course in a natural valley setting adjacent to camping, picnicking and the beach.

Visit the courses on line:

www.bandondunesgolf.com
www.bandoncrossings.com

www.sunsetbaygolf.com
www.scod.com/ccg

Festivals and Events. Events planned within the City of Coos Bay include a variety of community gatherings to encourage social interaction among family and friends. Additional events held in Bandon, Charleston, Coquille, Lakeside and North Bend offer an even wider option for residents to enjoy. A list of festivals and events is available at www.oregonsadventurecoast.com

- Charleston Crab Feed, February
- Jazz Festival, March
- Farmer's Market, May through October
- 4th of July in Mingus Park
- North Bend July Jubilee
- Oregon Coast Music Festival, July
- Coos County Fair, July
- Blackberry Arts Festival, August
- Charleston Seafood Festival, August
- Bay Area Fun Festival, September
- Prefontaine Run, September
- Bandon Cranberry Festival, September
- Tree Lighting Ceremony, November



Farmer's Market



Prefontaine Run

Museums / Art Galleries

The *Coos Art Museum* is located in downtown Coos Bay in the building that was the former city post office. The permanent collection includes contemporary American prints and Northwest art, in addition to changing and permanent exhibitions. Several galleries display local artists. The Steve Prefontaine Memorial Collection is located on the 2nd floor. www.coosart.org

For a look at local history, visit the *Coos Historical and Maritime Museum* located next to Simpson Park on Hwy 101 in North Bend. Ground breaking for the new facility on Front Street in Coos Bay will take place in 2013. The museum's displays transport visitors back in time to Coos and Coquille Indians' culture and the legacy of the region's first settlers. www.cooshistory.org The *Marshfield Sun Printing Museum*, located on Front Street, offers a look at the unique turn of the century newspaper and printing shop. The Marshfield Sun weekly newspaper began publication in 1891 and continued until 1944.



Printing Museum



The *Historic Rail Museum* displays railroad and logging equipment in an outdoor setting and is located between the Bay and Hwy 101. On display are a restored 1922 Baldwin steam locomotive that worked in the region's forests, and sawmill and logging equipment. The museum and gift shop holds a small collection of photos and railroad memorabilia. www.orcorail.org

Library

The Coos Bay Public Library was established in 1910 through the efforts of dedicated citizens and a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The current facility was built in 1965 with an expansion and remodel done in 1998. The library is a storehouse of knowledge as well as a place where people of all ages and from all walks of life search out answers, sharpen their talents, and stretch their imaginations. A variety of



programs are offered from children's programs, senior film day, guest author and artist presentations, art displays, public internet access, and computer classes.

Theater



The Bay Area enjoys a lively theater community. The City purchased the Egyptian Theatre in 2006. A non-profit organization operated the theater, showing classic movies and hosting community entertainment events until the theater was closed in March 2011 for structural restoration. Fundraising efforts are underway. Donations, membership information, and volunteers may contact the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association at their temporary downtown office at 255 North Broadway or by calling 541-269-8650 or at www.egyptian-theatre.com

Pony Village Cinema multiplex in North Bend offers current release movies. For movie schedule and show times www.catheatres.com The area has several live theaters to choose from. *On Broadway Thespians* www.onbroadwaytheater.com in Coos Bay, *Waterfront Players Repertory Company* www.waterfrontplayers.org in North Bend, *Little Theatre on the Bay* www.lto.net in North Bend, and *Sawdust Theatre* www.sawdusttheatre.com in Coquille.

Climate

Coos Bay enjoys a marine climate, mild and humid, resulting from the moderating influences of the Pacific Ocean and from the rainfall induced by the Coast Range. The majority of our rain falls between November and January for an average annual rainfall of 64 inches. The temperature averages in the mid-50s, with August and September ranking as the warmest months.

Housing

A typical three-bedroom, two bath home with a double garage, sells for approximately \$225,000. Prices increase substantially for property with a view or other amenities. Rental housing ranges from \$650 to \$1300 per month for a three-bedroom house. There is a multitude of choices available whether you are interested in rental or purchase, house or apartment, town or country, coastal or inland.

Education

Southwestern Oregon College

Phone: 541-888-2525
1988 Newmark Avenue
Coos Bay OR 97420

www.socc.edu

The college campus is located in the western part of the city in a 125-acre wooded area of Empire Lakes



Park. SOC provides a variety of career programs, first and second year college level course, and upper division courses offered through extension programs of Linfield College, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, and Oregon State University. Tuition at SOC is the same for in-state and out-of-state students. Financial aid, student housing, fitness center, and food services are a few of the amenities offered by the college. The college also serves Curry County with the new Brookings campus.

Coos Bay School District

Phone: 541-267-3104

1255 Hemlock Avenue
P O Box 509
Coos Bay OR 97420

www.coos-bay.k12.or.us



Marshfield High School

Primary and secondary students are served by the Coos Bay School District. Well-coordinated programs provide students with strong basic skills and specialized training. The district is comprised of one high school, one intermediate school, three elementary schools and the Harding Learning Center which incorporates several alternative-school programs. Olympic runner Steve Prefontaine and Oregon Ducks current head football coach Mark Helfrich are just two of many noteworthy Marshfield high School graduates. Private schools in the area include Kingsview Christian School, Christ Lutheran Church, and Lighthouse Charter School.

Health Care

Bay Area Hospital

1775 Thompson Road
Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-269-8111

www.bayareahospital.org



Bay Area Hospital is a publicly owned care facility and is the largest hospital on the Oregon Coast. The hospital and its medical staff of 130 physicians offer a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. As the medical center for Oregon's south coast, Bay Area Hospital offers a comprehensive range of medical services including laser treatments, MRI, CT, mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, and laparoscopy procedures. The Radiation Therapy Center provides cancer patients with treatments, surgical intervention and chemotherapy. An expansion in 2011/2012 added 97,000 sf and includes new clinical services for interventional cardiology, wound care, improved ICU, inpatient dialysis and new private patient rooms. The region is served by three well-established medical clinics; Bay Clinic, North Bend Medical Center, and South Coast Orthopedic Associates.

RESOURCES

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

145 Central Avenue

Coos Bay OR 97420

Phone: 541-266-0868

www.oregonsbayareachamber.com



The Chamber provides a vital link between the cities, state and businesses, and acts as the promoting entity for community spirit within the Bay Area. Some of the programs available through the Chamber include monthly business after hours, monthly newsletter, educational seminars, ribbon-cutting events for new businesses, weekly lunch forums, and link to the Chamber's website.

Business Development Center

2455 Maple Leaf

North Bend OR 97459

Phone: 541-756-6866

www.bizcenter.org

The business center is operated by Southwestern Oregon College and offers assistance to new and existing businesses, small business management programs, seminars and workshops, and specialized training that can be adapted to new or existing businesses. The center works in cooperation with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to manage the business incubator at the Business Center in North Bend.

Coos Bay Downtown Association

P O Box 482

Coos Bay OR 97420

Phone: 541-266-9706

www.coosbaydowntown.org

The Downtown Association's focus is to promote growth and activity in the downtown area. Local businesses working together to develop an economically healthy community.

Coos County Courthouse

250 North Baxter

Coquille OR 97423

Phone: 541-396-3121

www.co.coos.or.us

Coos, Curry and Douglas Business Development Corporation (CCD)

2455 Maple Leaf

North Bend OR 97459

Phone: 541-756-4101

www.ccdbusiness.com

CCD offers assistance with long and short-term financing for qualified businesses. Funds are available for business start-up, expansion, real estate acquisition, real estate acquisition, leasehold improvements, equipment, inventory, and working capital. CCD also administers the Small Business Administration 504 program. The SBA program can loan up to 40% of the total project cost, or up to \$2 million in certain cases, at a fixed rate and for a term of 10 or 20 years.

Business Oregon / State Economic Development Department

145 Central Avenue
Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-267-4651

www.oregon4biz.com

The Business Oregon provides information and assistance to local business owners on the State's economic development programs as well as offering counseling, market research, and other services to help companies develop and expand their products and services.

Oregon Employment Department

P O Box 986
Sheridan Avenue, North Bend OR 97459
Phone: 541-756-8459

www.workinginoregon.com

The Employment Department acts as the connection point for employees and employers, provides regional and statewide labor market statistics, and Oregon unemployment insurance administrators.

Oregon International Port of Coos bay

P O Box 1215
145 Central Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-267-7678

www.portofcoosbay.com

The Port provides information on maritime trade and transportation, the seafood industry, Foreign Trade Zone sites and regulations, marketing and management of the North Bay Marine Industrial Park, and assistance with other industrial locations and marine projects.

South Coast Business Employment Corporation (SCBEC)

P O Box 1118
Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-269-2013 or 800-858-5777

www.scbec.org

SCBEC is a private, non-profit organization providing employee screening, recruitment, customized training programs and a wide range of related services. SCBEC also offers training wage subsidies to qualifying employers.

South Coast Development Council, Inc. (SCDC)

50 Central Avenue, Suite A
Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-266-9753 or 800-717-7945

www.scdcinc.org

Mission Statement: To improve the region's economy. SCDC works to recruit new businesses as well as help existing business expand. Their services include assisting in locating property, securing financing, creating a workforce training program, and selecting available incentive programs.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Bay Area Enterprise Zone

CCD Business Development Corp.

774 SE Rose Street

Roseburg OR 97470

Phone: 541-672-6728

The primary benefit of the Enterprise Zone is to provide 100 percent local property tax abatement for up to five years for businesses that sell products or services outside the local market.

Pacific Power Energy Efficiency

Phone: 800-222-4335

The energy program offers reduced operating costs, cash incentives and convenient financing for businesses wishing to expand or relocate to Oregon.

Energy Tax Credit Program

Phone: 503-373-7808

Any business may qualify, for more information contact the Oregon Department of Energy.

Workforce Development Assistance

Phone: 800-233-3306

The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department offers training and workforce development programs to improve work force productivity.

Brownfield Redevelopment

Phone: 541-686-7838 ext. 239

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provides direct technical and financial assistance to facilitate Brownfield redevelopment.

UTILITIES

Pacific Power and Light

Phone: 888-221-2181

Provides electricity to residential, commercial and industrial users. Calls are received 24/7.

Charter Communications

Phone: 866-731-5420

Provides cable TV service, telephone, and internet service.

Frontier Communications

276 LaClair Street

Phone: 541-269-2020

Provides telephone service, phone systems, Internet access, and long distance services.

Northwest Natural Gas

1625 North 7th Street
Coos Bay OR 97420
Phone: 541-267-5655 ext. 6500

Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board

2305 Ocean Blvd
Coos Bay OR 97420
Water and Sewer
Phone: 541-267-3178

Garbage Companies

Coos Bay Sanitary Service
60648 Hwy 101
Coos Bay OR 97420
541-267-6675

Les' Sanitary Service
P O Box 956
Coos Bay OR 97420
541-267-2848



Downtown boardwalk and city dock