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The Friday Update

June 12, 2015

COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM - The Coos Bay Fire Department and the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal are offering free smoke alarms to all residents of the City of Coos Bay and the three contract districts in which the Coos Bay Fire Department provides fire protection services. This includes parts of Bunkerhill, Libby, and Timberpark. If the Coos Bay Fire Department responds to your home, you are eligible for free smoke alarms.



PUT A FINGER ON IT!
WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

1. You must live in the City of Coos Bay or one of the three contract districts
2. The Coos Bay Fire Department must install your new smoke alarm
3. You must sign a liability waiver

If you need a smoke alarm, please contact the Coos Bay Fire Department located at 450 Elrod Avenue or call 541-269-1191 to confirm your eligibility. This program will remain active while smoke alarms supplies last.

SAVE THE DATE...CLAMBOREE & GLASS ART FEST – The fun and festivities will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 27th in Historic Empire.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ALL DAY

Vendors • Live Music • Kids Events • Classic Car Show

Shuttle Service to/from Ed Lund Park, CB Boat Building Center, Tribal Center

- **Clam Hoagies!** Prepared by Oregon Coast Culinary Institute
- **Sawmill & Tribal Trail**
Walk the Sawmill and Tribal trail to the Clamboree in Empire. Meet at the Empire Boat Ramp at 8:30am.
- **Coos Bay Boat Building Center Tours & Demonstrations All Day**
- **Tribal Hall & Museum Tours** - 10:00am-4:00pm with shuttle to/from
- **Glass Blowing Demonstration**
- **South Slough Estuary Reserve's Kids Events**
- **Open House - Old Tower House B&B** 12:00pm-3:00pm
- **Hollering Contest** at Stage 2
- **Classic Car Show** - Classic Chevy
- **Beer Garden** Hosted by 7 Devils Brewery
- **Hollering Place Radio Show** 7:00pm at the Dolphin Playhouse

Special Thanks to Event Sponsors:



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Entertainment Two Stages of Entertainment!

Stage 1	
10:00am-10:45am	Dan Covert (Guitar, Vocals)
11:00am-11:45am	Metro Gnomes
Noon-1:00pm	Road Rockers
1:15pm-2:30pm	Horst & Sharon Hartung (Duo, Guitar, Vocals)
2:45pm-3:30pm	Neil Laurence (Ukelele Poet/Songwriter/Musician)
3:30pm-3:45pm	Announcements on stage, contest winners, sponsor mentions, etc
4:00pm-4:45pm	Hectic Week (Duo, Guitar, Vocals)
5:00pm-5:45pm	Orcoast John & the Orcoasters
Stage 2	
11:30am-12:15pm	South Coast Area Square Dancers
12:30pm-1:30pm	Kaleidoscope Community Yoga with Sailee
1:45pm-2:45pm	The Magical World of Snakes
3:00pm-4:00pm	Hollering Contest
4:15pm	Sponsor Thanks, etc

SANITARY SEWER REPAIR – The City recently learned that the outfall that serves Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 has deteriorated. The deterioration was observed at the end of the outfall approximately 860 feet from the shore (see map). At this time, the City has no evidence that this is adversely impacting the bay's health, and there have been no reports from the Coos County Health Department. Furthermore, regulatory agencies have not required the City to close the beach. The City is working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and other regulatory agencies to coordinate a repair.



Any questions can be directed to the City of Coos Bay Public Works Department at 541-269-1181 ext. 2247.

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WASTEWATER RATES AND MORE

- The City of Coos Bay provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to citizens within the City limits. The City also provides wholesale wastewater treatment services to the Bunker Hill and Charleston Sanitary Districts. The City owns and operates two wastewater treatment plants. Wastewater is conveyed to one of the two wastewater treatment plants using a combination of up to 23 sanitary sewer pump stations and a combined total of over 90 miles of sanitary collection system piping. The City also operates three storm water pump stations, a four acre facultative sludge lagoon, three under the bay/slough high pressure force mains, and various other high pressure in-ground force mains.

To pay for the operation, maintenance, replacement and improvement of these wastewater systems, the City charges its customers fees on a monthly basis. Since the early 1980's, the City's methodology for calculating these fees has been based on industry standard cost of service analysis (COSA). The process used to prepare the COSA for the City's wastewater utility follows standard ratemaking principles as outlined by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The last formal wastewater COSA was completed in 2009, but the City reviews the rates annually through its fiscal budget process. This process consists of three steps:

1. Determine revenue requirements...(how much does it cost to provide service system-wide)
2. Allocate costs to customer classes...(who is causing the need for the service and in what proportion)
3. Determine rate structure and develop rates...(align rates to recover costs from those causing the need)

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Although the City's current COSA-based wastewater rate structure is based on industry convention, and is the most common in Oregon, there are communities that use different methodologies. The most common of these alternative rate structures is the "flat rate" or "uniform rate" approach. As the name implies, this approach takes total system revenue requirements and divides it by the number of active customers to arrive at an average rate per customer. In 2009, the City investigated the possibility of moving to a system of flat rates. The results of that analysis were eye opening. Based on a statistical analysis of actual winter water consumption data, roughly 50% of the single family residential customer class would incur rate increases from a low of 19% to a high of 197%.

Any rate structure that is considered must respect current legislation and contractual commitments. The main objective is to ensure the wastewater system is sustainable over the long term thereby ensuring the protection of the health of citizens and the environment. The concepts of user pay and full cost pricing are key elements of which the City needs to address in the future. The question of what each customer pays is, however, a complex issue with varying viewpoints and interests.

The following principles should be used to develop any rate structure:

- be fair and equitable
- promote conservation
- be affordable and financially sustainable
- stabilize revenue
- be justifiable
- be simple to understand
- support economic development

The City Council will discuss this issue at their June 16, 2015 meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Coos Bay Fire Department Upgrades Heart Monitors - The Coos Bay Fire Department received grants from the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and the Bay Area Hospital's Community Development Grant Program. These Grants were used to purchase two Zoll E Series Cardiac Monitors which will increase our EMT's and Paramedics abilities to respond to patients suffering from cardiac arrest or other cardiac events including heart attacks.

These new monitors replaced two automatic external defibrillators (AED). Early defibrillation has been shown to save lives so the old AED's will be placed in service around the City. One has been placed in the community room at the Coos Bay Fire Department located at 450 Elrod Avenue, and the other will find a new home at the Coos Bay Public Library located at 525 Anderson Avenue. The Library's AED will be installed on June 19, 2015.

