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## **December 4, 2015**

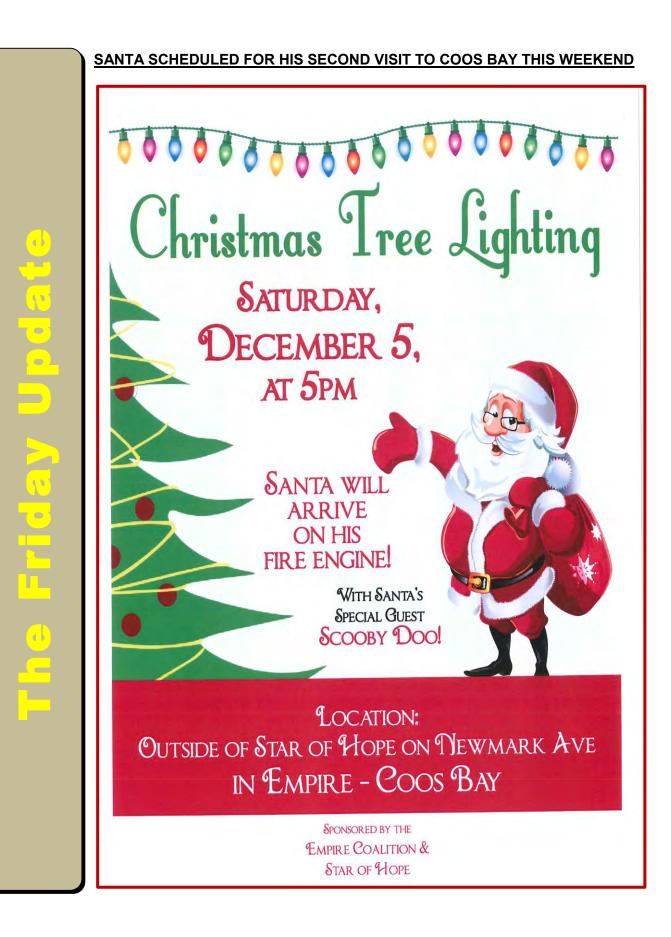
## **RECORD ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

Over 400 people gathered under a star-lit clear sky at the Coos Bay Boardwalk last weekend to welcome Santa who arrived by tug boat curtesy of Billeter Marine. The crowd was treated to hot cider provided by Farr's Hardware and lead by Teen Idol finalists with some help from Mike the Bear and K-Dock Radio in Christmas carols.

After Santa's arrival, Mayor Shoji lit the Christmas tree officially kicking off the holiday season for the City of Coos Bay. Santa led the procession over to the Egyptian Theatre where kids got to tell him their Christmas wishes. Over 720 people gathered to watch the movie Elf and participate in the snowball (sock ball) fight. At the end of the weekend, 19 large bags of socks had been collected which will be distributed to local homeless shelters. That is a lot of warm feet!

This event was sponsored by the Coos Bay Downtown Association.





## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LISA MAGILL RETIRES** - After 30 years of public



service, the last 10 with the City of Coos Bay, Lisa Magill has retired. Lisa Magill started the last third of her career here at the City of Coos Bay on October 11, 2005 as a Planning/Code Specialist, and she was later re-assigned as a Code Enforcement Officer.

She worked with both Community Development and the Police Departments enforcing city ordinances and codes. Lisa was instrumental in the abatement process of many of our dilapidated and rundown properties in the City. She was also responsible for coordinating the yearly citywide clean-up events.

Lisa Magill was a hard worker who was passionate about what she did. She provided a high level of service to the community, and she will surely be missed.

CHIEF GARY MCCULLOUGH CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AT THE PD - Chief



McCullough started his career at the Coos Bay Police Department in 1992 as a Reserve Police Officer where he donated his time as a volunteer. Within a short period of time, he was hired as a full time Sworn Police Officer in December of 1995.

Over the past 20 years, Chief McCullough, has worked as a patrol officer, and he had several collateral duties such as: Motorcycle Officer, Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Survival Skills Instructor, and a Field Training Officer and Coordinator.

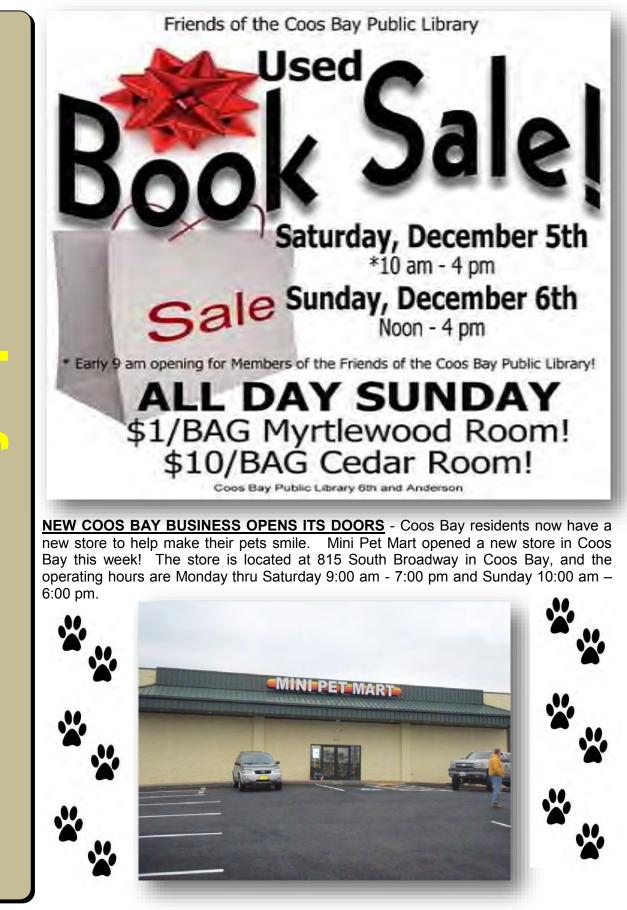
In August of 2002, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he was placed in charge of a patrol shift.

In October of 2004, Chief McCullough was then promoted to the rank of Operations Captain where he was tasked with managing the day to day operations of the Police Department.

Chief McCullough was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police in December of 2009. In addition to Chief McCullough's law enforcement service, he is an active Kiwanis Club member, and he serves on the local Salvation Army Advisory Board. Chief McCullough is an avid runner, and he has competed in several running events which includes several half marathons.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE OPENINGS** – The application period for the three openings on the Budget Committee have been extended to January 8, 2016. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay, and they are appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. The meetings are held mid-April and possibly the first week of May at 7:00 p.m.

There are currently three openings on the Budget Committee. Applications are available from the City Manager's Office at City Hall, by calling 541-269-8912, or on the City's website at www.coosbay.org Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. January 8, 2016.



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Library (541) 269-1101

Community Development Department (541) 269-8918 or (541) 269-8924

Public Works Department (541) 269-8918

Finance Department (541) 269-8915

City Manager's Office (541) 269-8912 **PACIFIC PROPERTIES IS MOVING** – Randy and Kelly Hoffine, owners of Pacific Properties, have announced plans to expand their real estate office and move to 810 South Broadway in Coos Bay. Renovations are currently underway at the new location, and they hope to be in their new location by the end of next week.



**<u>RECENT JOB FAIR AT THE LIBRARY</u>** - On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Coos Bay Public Library hosted its first job fair. From the beginning, library staff envisioned it as a low-pressure way for employers and job-seekers to connect. Having never organized a job fair before, they were unsure how much interest it would attract.

As the job fair approached, that uncertainty quickly dissolved as interest in the fair grew. In the few days prior to the event, several employers called the library to reserve tables, and we noticed an increase in the number of job-seekers visiting the library to work on résumés.



By all measures, the job fair was a huge success. There were a total of ten local employers and staffing agencies in attendance along with 152 job-seekers. By the end of the event, every employer at the fair had expressed interest in participating in future job fairs. Some things we heard most from employers were that the

central location of the library made it an ideal place, the job fair simplified the recruitment process, they were grateful that it was free of charge, and the quality of the applicants was impressive.

One employer, First Student, scheduled two interviews for the day after the fair. Another, Atlas Edge Staffing, said they have had a number of applicants who discovered them through the job fair. They also have four applicants currently interviewing, and one applicant is already being hired on permanently with one of their clients!

Staff is currently organizing a second job fair to take place on **Wednesday**, **February 10**<sup>th</sup>. The recent connections made with employers and agencies will help streamline the planning process for next time allowing us to focus on how to make our second job fair even better than the first. Our biggest challenge in organizing our next job fair is determining how to include more employers without running out of space in the Myrtlewood Room. It is a wonderful challenge to be facing.