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Brownfields Grant Open House

Last year, the City of Coos Bay applied for and received an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grant for \$400,000. The money is to be used for assessments environmental site and sub-area planning. The City has established a Brownfields Action Committee (BAC) to guide the work, and they have retained a consultant team to complete the tasks.



So far, a primary site area has been established (the greater Front Street area in historic Coos Bay), and an historical inventory has been completed for the lots within the study area. Outreach to property owners will commence soon on that portion of the project. On June 23rd, the consultant team will be in town to do a site walk with BAC team members and staff, and then there will be an open house that evening at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The consultants are here to take input generally on the project and specifically on areas of interest related to the Front Street study area. Some topics which will be discussed include: the boardwalk and pathways, possible recreational components, parking and traffic, infrastructure, and completing a market analysis. The public is invited to attend with any questions or comments about the project.

Summer Sprinkling (Sewer) Rates

It is the time of year when gardens are planted and flowers are blooming, and both of these require water. The City of Coos provides months summer Bay six sprinkling/irrigation sewer rates for individually metered single-family sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board.



The sewer rates for this group of residential sewer users are placed on a sprinkling rate during the May through the

October billing cycle. The rate is a flat rate, calculated from the average water consumption for the prior six-month billing cycle of November through April. During the May through October billing cycle, an individually metered single family dwelling will pay this flat rate or their actual rate, whichever is less.

The City is divided up into several different billing cycles because the Coos Bay -North Bend Water Board is not able to read the entire City's water meters in one week. That means the May through October billing cycle for the residents throughout the City will vary. Some customer's May through October billing cycle will start at the end of May and others will start in June. Each customer is provided six months of sprinkling rates.

You're invited!

Please join to share your vision for the future of Coos Bay Public Library

Let us know what you like about your current library, what you don't, and what you'd like to see in your new library



2 Public Sessions

Tuesday, June 21st 2:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 22nd 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Library Needs Assessment in Progress

After receiving engineering reports in April 2014 that outlined the vast amount of structural issues with the library facility (it's slowly sinking), the City Council came to the consensus to build a new library instead of spending the estimated nearly \$7,000,000.00 to repair the foundation. Since that time, planning for a new facility has been progressing.

Through community meetings and surveys, a Strategic Plan for library services and actions was completed in July 2015. This plan identified six main areas of focus for library services and actions.

Now is the time to focus on the physical aspects of a new facility. Community meetings will be held Tuesday, June 21st from 2-4pm and Wednesday, June 22nd from 6-8pm in the Myrtlewood Room. All ages welcome, and you are encouraged to contribute to the process. This is a chance for the public to speak about what parts of the current library they like, what needs to be added, what spaces may not be working, and other opinions about the space.

Our conversation will be led by representatives from the architectural firm Hacker, which has been hired by the City of Coos Bay to complete a facilities needs assessment.



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Firefighters Help Celebrate the End of the School Year



Thursday was the last day of school for students of Blossom Gulch Elementary School. This much anticipated "Field Day" is celebrated with a picnic lunch provided by Jim Lorenz from the Coach House Restaurant, and it is served to the students and staff by members of the Coos Bay Fire Department. According to Lorenz, this partnership and tradition began about ten years ago as then Battalion

Chief Howard Owens saw an opportunity to fill a need and promote fire department participation within the community.

Blossom Gulch Principal Linda Vickrey has been very supportive of this annual event. It is a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of the school year. Both the kids and staff look forward to the party. Firefighters served a lunch of hotdogs and chips to over 700 students from 10 to 11 am.





Coos Waterfront Walkway Even



Drop them off at the Coos Bay Fire Station





