



The Friday Update

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City Council enacts a Smoking Ban on Public Properties...

Like many other cities and counties across the nation, the Coos Bay City Council has enacted a smoking ban on various public properties within the City in an effort to eliminate the dangers from secondhand smoke, reduce the environmental effects of cigarette butts, and an effort to keep impressionable children from picking up on what some consider to be a bad habit. This past Tuesday, the Council passed the following two ordinances:



Ordinance 477 states that the smoking of tobacco or any other organic material in or about the Coos Bay City Hall, Public Library, Fire Stations, City Shops, and Visitor's Information Center shall be prohibited. The area encompassed by this prohibition shall be the above mentioned facilities, adjacent City property around the building, and the parking area adjoining the buildings. This prohibition includes any and all devices by which tobacco or other organic material is burned for purposes of inhaling of the material created by such burning, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and e-cigarettes, as well as the discarding of any such smoking material.



Ordinance 476 bans the same and states that no person shall smoke within the boundaries of Mingus Park, John Topits Park, Eastside Park, Ed Lund Park, Taylor/Wasson Park, Windy Hill Park, South 10th Street Park, Hollering Place Wayside, Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, Eastside Boat Ramp, and Empire Boat Ramp. In addition, no person shall smoke upon or within 25 feet of the City's wooden boardwalk.

These ordinances take effect August 19, 2016.

Mingus Park Hours are modified...



After much consideration, the City Council chose to modify the hours that Mingus Park is open for use. Mingus Park was open 24-hours, but Mingus Park is now open from dawn until 11:00 p.m. daily. The new hours become effective when signs with the new hours are installed at entrances into the park. The signs are expected to be posted in approximately 30 days. The changes in hours are

a result of increased vandalism and neighborhood complaints occurring at night, and the rise in unlawful camping within the park.

Two Marijuana Measures Head to the Voters in the fall...

At this week's City Council meeting, the Council approved sending two measures regarding marijuana to the voters to decide in the November 8, 2016 election. The ballot questions and summaries for both issues are as follows:



Should the business license ordinance be amended to allow state registered and licensed marijuana businesses to operate within the City?

Currently, the City's business license requirements prohibit any type of business which violates Federal, State, or local laws. While Oregon law allows for marijuana dispensaries and other marijuana related activities, the use and sale of marijuana remains illegal under Federal law. An affirmative vote on this measure would amend the City's business license requirements to permit the establishment of state – registered and licensed medical and recreational marijuana businesses in the City that are in compliance with local land use ordinances, despite Federal law prohibiting the use and sale of marijuana.



Shall Coos Bay impose a three percent tax on sales of marijuana items by recreational marijuana retailers in the City?

If adopted by the voters, this measure would impose a three percent sales tax on sales of marijuana items (including marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana extracts) by recreational marijuana retailers licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and located within the City of Coos Bay. The tax would be collected by the recreational marijuana retailer at the point of sale. The recreational marijuana retailer would remit the three percent tax to the City. The three percent City tax would be imposed in addition to any state taxes on the sale of marijuana items by a recreational marijuana retailer. The three percent City tax would not be imposed on medical marijuana sales. The three percent City tax would not be imposed on sales of recreational marijuana to anyone other than a consumer.

The Old City Hall Building has Changed Hands...



The Old City Hall building, located at 375 Central Avenue in Coos Bay, has recently been purchased by Greg Nichols. He is planning to renovate the building and turn it into an art deco museum similar to the store that he has owned and operated in Wheeler, Oregon. Greg claims that he has the largest art deco collection in the United States, and

he believes that the Old City Hall building will be a great showcase for his collection.

Greg is also looking for other vendors to rent his spaces on the first floor of the building. These vendor collections were an important facet of his store in Wheeler, and he believes that it will be a great showcase location for vendors here in the Coos Bay area.

If you are interested in renting a space, give Greg a call at 541-808-3838; also check out his website for more information at www.OldCityHallAntiques.com

Railroad Centennial....

In 1916, the Coos Bay rail line was completed, and the first train left North Bend for Eugene. At that point, Coos County residents had been seeking the possibility of a rail line for the area since 1870. To celebrate this momentous achievement, the community put on a Railroad Jubilee. It was the “durnest celebration” people had ever seen. **This year, the Port of Coos Bay is celebrating 100 years of the rail line at their Railroad Centennial August 5th – 7th!** A reflection of the Railroad Jubilee held in 1916, the Centennial Celebration will include a North Bend Day, Coos Bay Day (Marshfield Day), and Coos County Day.

They will kick off the event with a Centennial stroll in North Bend on August 5th and an Opening Ceremony where there will be music, a Renewal of the Vows ceremony officiated by Congressman Peter De Fazio, and speeches from special guests. Then celebrating Coos Bay on August 6th with a Selfie Scavenger hunt - follow the Music Train for live performances around the downtown area and shop around at the Pop-Up Market. The celebration ends on August 7th with Coos County Day where there will be Sawdusters Theatre performances on the train and water sports out in the Coos Bay harbor.



For more information on all the events, make sure to download the app under “CoosRail2016” from the app store or go to www.eventmobi.com/coosrail2016. You can buy tickets, make your own agenda, look at speaker profiles, and more. We hope to see you there!

Community support for law enforcement...

In the rage of the recent and senseless murders of officers in Dallas, Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, there has been an outpouring of community support of law enforcement throughout the country.

This past Saturday, the Coos Bay Police Department received this wonderful custom sign from the Gordon family. The Gordons wanted to do something to show their support and appreciation for law enforcement in our community. The sign was handcrafted out of wood and painted to resemble the America Flag along with a thin blue line to symbolize the relationship of law enforcement in the community as the protectors of fellow civilians from the criminal elements.



Other kind acts of support have been received which include thank-you cards, numerous hand-crafted paper hearts from local children left on our patrol vehicles, and many simple words and gestures of support and kindness from citizens Coos Bay officers have come in contact with.

Your support is much appreciated!!!



Lunch, Listen & Learn!

Guest Conductor of the POPS CONCERT, ADAM STERN, brings a fresh, entertaining and insightful approach to the discussion of the music and composers featured in the three classical programs to be performed July 26, July 28 and July 30. Bring your lunch and your curiosity to the noontime lecture series.

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25th: "Three Concert Favorites"

Wednesday, July 27th: "Festival of Film Favorites"

Friday, July 29th: "Classic & Romantic"

Adam Stern is currently the Music Director of the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra and of the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra. He also teaches composition, conducting, orchestral repertoire studies and history of film music at Cornish College.

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ORCHESTRA WEEK

Tuesday, July 26th: "Three Concert Favorites"

Chadwick: Jubilee, from Four Symphonic Sketches; Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in g minor; Elgar: Enigma Variations

Thursday, July 28th: "A Festival of Film Favorites"

Selections from: Casablanca, Bridge on the River Kwai, A Bridge Too Far, Inn of the Sixth Happiness, Finian's Rainbow, The Man Who Would Be King, Cinema Paradiso, South Pacific

Saturday, July 30th: "Classic & Romantic"

Prokofiev: Symphony No. 1 "Classical"; Rachmaninov: Symphony No. 2 "Romantic"

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Moving on up to Coos Bay...

Canard Labs owners, Tanya and Clay Rasley, are moving their business from North Bend to Coos Bay. They will be the proud new residents of 147 S. Broadway in the Hub Building. They are the mad-scientist makers of soap, facial cleaners, and cream products of all sorts. They plan to open in their new location on September 1st. Please welcome them to the City, and take a look at their amazing products. You can find their website at: <http://www.canardlabs.com> or just give them a call 541-888-3356.



Road closure this weekend...

Sections of North Front Street will be temporarily closed for rail road maintenance on Saturday, July 23rd – Sunday, July 24th. Access to local businesses will be maintained including Coos History Museum. Please follow detour route established by the contractor.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Public Works Department at 541-269-8918.

