

Joe Benetti







Christmas is just around the corner...



One of the more popular Christmas songs is "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", which was written more than fifty years ago by Edward Pola and George Wyle. The song is a celebration and description of activities associated with the Christmas season.

Without a doubt, it is a wonderful time of the year! I am constantly amazed by the atmosphere of cheer and the generosity of our community who give to a host of charities, all of whom are working to make sure that others in need can have a more wonderful time this Christmas season.

As this will be my last "Friday Update" until after Christmas, I wanted to extend the wishes from the staff here at the City of Coos Bay that your Christmas holiday be filled with good cheer, warm memories, and much happiness.

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday December 26th.



Councilor Stephanie Kramer



Councilor Stephanie Kilmer



Councilor Lucinda DiNovo



Councilor **Drew Farmer**



Phil Marler





There not only cute, they have talent...

The Police Department got a surprise visit from a host of 2nd graders from Blossom Gulch who serenaded employees with a number of Christmas carols.





Dan McAvoy Reaches a 25 Year Milestone...



The Fire Department is celebrating Battalion Chief Dan McAvoy's 25 years of employment with the City of Coos Bay this month. Dan was

hired as a Firefighter/Engineer with the City in December of 1991. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995. For over 15 years, Dan served as either the President or Vice

President of the firefighter's union (IAFF Local 2935).

In June of 2014, Dan was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief. He is currently assigned to the "A" Shift, and he serves as the administrator of several important programs including Apparatus Maintenance, Business Inspections, Pre-fire planning, hydrant maintenance and more. The Department is fortunate to have his leadership and experience. Congratulations to Dan and his family as they celebrate this milestone.





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Self-defense training...

On Sunday, December 4th, Coos Bay Police Defensive Tactics Instructors Officer

Pete Kirk and Officer Tim West participated in the annual Zonta women's self-defense class. The event was hosted at SOCC, and it included local Zonta members as well as Lea Sevey, Executive Director of the Oasis women's shelter in Gold Beach. Officer Kirk provided the group with a brief presentation on sexual assault prevention and what to do in the event you fall victim to a potential assault. The participants joined the officers



in the Judo mat room where they were taught some basic self-defense and escape techniques. The event was well received, and the participants enjoyed learning skills to protect themselves from harm.



The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Library Board and the Planning Commission. Applications will be accepted in the City Mangers Office through 5:00 p.m. **December 23, 2016**. (Applications should be dropped off at City Hall by 5:00 pm on December 22nd or emailed to Jackie Mickelson at jmickelson@coosbay.org by 5:00 pm on December 23rd.) Applicants will be contacted to schedule

interviews with the City Council for January 6, 2017.

Library Board - The Library Board, consists of seven members. The term of office is four years; up to three board members may at any one time reside in Coos County within the boundaries of School Dist. 9, but outside the city limits of Coos Bay. Members shall be limited to serving no more than two full consecutive terms; however, any person may be reappointed after an interval of one year. **There is currently one opening** on the Board.

<u>Planning Commission</u> - The Planning Commission functions primarily as a comprehensive planning body by proposing policy and legislation to the city council and by implementing regulations relating to the growth and development of the community. The Planning Commission is a seven-member citizen advisory board appointed by the City Council. It is the decision-making authority for many land use applications. It also makes recommendations to the City Council on land use planning issues. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall. Its meetings are open to the public. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay for a period of not less than one year prior to appointment (Coos Bay Munciple Code 2.35.020). **There is currently one opening** on the Commission.