



The Friday Update

Bringing you a summary of weekly news from City Hall

February 11, 2000

CITY OF COOS BAY	500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420	(541) 269-8912
See us at http://www.coosbay.org	Email the city manager at bgrile@ucinet.com	

STATE OF THE CITIES ADDRESS DUE AT CHAMBER'S FEBRUARY FORUM – The recent accomplishments and future goals of the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend will be outlined during a gathering of the business and community leaders on Wednesday, February 16th, as Coos Bay Mayor Joanne Verger and North Bend Mayor Lee Golder address the Bay Area Forum. The joint appearance by the two Mayors has become an annual tradition on the Forum schedule presented by the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. A variety of city programs and projects will be addressed – from recent developments in plans to recruit a new industry to the need for more citizen involvement on boards and committees of the two communities. Mayor Verger and Mayor Golder will also take questions from the audience at the conclusion of their remarks. The Forum will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Inn. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215 for reservations.

OPENING ON THE LIBRARY BOARD – The City Council is seeking a volunteer to fulfill an unexpired term on the Library Board. To qualify, applicants must reside within School District 9 boundary, have the ability to attend library board meetings and other meetings as necessary, and have a genuine interest in the library and concern for its welfare and progress. Applications are available from the City Manager's Office at city hall, during normal business hours or by calling 269-8912, and will be accepted through Feb. 25, 2000. Interviews and appointment will be made at the March 21, 2000 Council meeting.

DISASTER DRILL PLANNED – The City of Coos Bay is in the process of planning a disaster drill to be staged in some time in April. The drill will include participation from Coos County, Bay Area Hospital, Bay Cities Ambulance, City of North Bend and the Port of Coos Bay. City departments will have a chance to exercise the City's Emergency Operations Plan.

FIRE CHIEF TEACHES AT ACADEMY – Fire Chief Stan Gibson has been invited to teach at this year's Oregon Fire Instructors Officers Academy in Springfield. Chief Gibson taught the National Fire Academy's class "Incident Safety Officer" to fire officers from throughout the state.

COOS COUNTY'S FIVE MOST WANTED – The five most wanted for Coos County has been updated and five new felons are listed. Please help us get these persons off the streets of Coos County. You may view the Five most wanted and retrieve their photos at: www.coosbay-pd.net/fivemost

SCHOOL AREA TRAFFIC DISCUSSED – Police Department Chief Chuck Knight met this week with representatives from the City of Coos Bay, School District Officials, parents, and other community members to discuss traffic flow and safety of school children attending Madison Elementary School in Coos Bay. The committee will make recommendations to the City Council next month for improvements to enhance safety of our children.

OFFICER PAUL FOSTER LEAVING COOS BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT – Officer Paul Foster has announced his resignation from the Coos Bay Police Department in order to move in another department in the North Willamette Valley area. Officer Foster was hired by the Coos Bay Police Department in 1989, and had worked in patrol, investigations unit, and the South Coast Interagency Narcotics team. Officer Foster

will be missed as he leaves for Woodburn, Oregon. We wish Paul the best !!

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN POSTPONED – Due to shortfalls in revenue received by the Department of Transportation, their budget had to be significantly reduced for the current biennium. As a result, funds which were to be used for the City's Transportation System Plan are no longer available.

NEW STADIUM / BATTING SHED – At their hearing on February 8th, the Planning Commission approved the site plan for Marshfield High School's new stadium which will seat approximately 1200 spectators and be located on the south side of the field. The Commission also approved the site plan for a batting shed for the students which will be located north of the baseball dugout on the baseball field.

MENASHA LOG DONATION – The Menasha Corporation has donated a round to the City of Coos Bay. A round is a cross-section of a log. The round donated by Menasha is approximately eight feet in diameter and about 250-300 years old. The Douglas Fir tree was cut in July 1999 and took several days to get it on the ground. Once it was on the ground, buckers had to cut the logs length wise in order to get the logs back across a creek and to the landing because of the weight of each section of log. City crews have placed the round in the island area south of Taco Time on North Bayshore Drive. Crews will be constructing a shelter over the round to protect it from the weather.

"F" STREET ISSUE – The City has discovered several broken areas on "F" Street near the intersection of 12th Avenue. The asphalt has come apart is breaking up causing a pumping action by allowing water to get to the sub base. A letter has been written to the engineer notifying him of the situation, and he will put the contractor on notice that there is problem with the asphalt. The street is still under warranty from the contractor who is required to make repairs on any part of the construction that they performed for a period of one year. The City has requested the engineer perform an investigation into the probable reason for the failure in these sections of the street.