



The Friday Update

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CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP – The Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association will begin this years tree pickup on Saturday, December 30th. Trees will be picked up at the curb so residents are asked to have their trees out on Friday evening. Residents can also drop trees off at Fire Station No. 2 at 189 South Wall. Canned food donations will be accepted and envelopes will also be dropped off for donations. If you would like your tree picked up please call the Fire Department at 269-1191 to leave your address.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOST SHORE ACRES – Members of the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association spent Tuesday evening as hosts at the 14th Annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres State Park. Approximately 500 people came through during the evening to take in the thousands of lights and to enjoy refreshments at the main house. The show will remain up through January 1, 2001 from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. daily. If you haven't made it out this year there is still time to enjoy!

2000 CERTIFIED POPULATION ESTIMATE – We all know the City of Coos Bay is poised for great things in 2001, and now we have the population estimates to support that belief. The Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University annually reports the Certified Population Estimates for each county and city in Oregon. The July 1, 2000 total for Coos Bay is **15,995** residents. 2001 will be the year that Coos Bay makes a great leap over the 16,000 figure!

ORDINANCE 278 UPDATE – In an effort to more effectively enforce City of Coos Bay Ordinance 278 the police department has implemented a notification system for truck owners and operators. Ordinance 278 requires protective boards to be placed under landing gear of dropped semi-trailers in order to protect city streets from damage. The police department will begin affixing bright yellow warning stickers on semi-trailers found in violation of the ordinance. The City of Coos Bay and the Police Department is interested in working with truckers for the protection of streets within the city. The police will issue citations to repeat violators.

POLICE DEPARTMENT URGES SCOOTER SAFETY – With the increased popularity of scooters the police department urges riders and parents of young riders to promote safety precautions in their use. Helmets and knee pads are encouraged to protect against that unexpected fall. Select areas to ride which are free of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and respect the rights of others using public areas.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! – The City Council and staff wish you and your family a happy and prosperous new year. City hall offices and the library will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. See you in 2001!

CHANGE IN MEETING TIME – The City Council updated the Council Rules at their December 21st meeting. One of the changes made was to discontinue the 7 p.m. work session and change the start time for regular council meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. City Council meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. The meetings are also filmed and shown on the Government Access Channel. Council agendas and minutes are also available from the City's web site www.coosbay.org

“APRON STRINGS: THE TIES THAT BIND” – An exhibition of Aprons Through the Ages, used for privacy, protection, or ceremony will be presented by the Coos Art Museum from private collections. The exhibit will run January 19th to March 3rd with the opening reception held Friday, January 19th 5:30 - 7 p.m. Eight apron categories will be represented: religious ceremonial, vocational, historical, entertainment, portrait, foreign, children's, and fabric and trims. Also featured will be a work shop on January 10th from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. by Nancy Bell Anderson, curator of the only Clothespin Museum in the United States presents a workshop to make clothespin dolls. The workshop is for kindergarten through 6th grade and will be held at the Art Museum.

SHUTTER CREEK WORK THE STREETS – The Shutter Creek inmates continue to work along Ocean Boulevard cleaning along the sidewalks. They have been working on the south side starting at Newmark Avenue and working towards downtown. They have been removing sod and vegetation that has grown over the sidewalks. The Inmates provide a valuable service to the City and perform work that would not otherwise get completed. Keep up the good work.