

The Friday Update

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COOS BAY-NORTH BEND CHALLENGE - The City of North Bend issued an invitation to the City of Coos Bay to participate in a "Challenge Softball Game" as part of North Bend's annual July Jubilee celebration. The game will be played at Ferry Street Park on Saturday, July 28th at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support your favorite team! Other activities include special productions at Little Theater, parade, show and shine car show, dedication of the California Street boat ramp, and much more.

CONGRATULATIONS MARSHFIELD HIGH STUDENTS! - The City Council and staff extend their congratulations to the graduating seniors of Marshfield High School. A job well done - best wishes to all! Congratulations were also extended to certain students at Tuesday evening's city council meeting. Nick Gerritsen was recognized for his service and dedication as a member of the MHS student council for giving monthly reports at City Council meetings. Amber Amsbary and Britney Farrer also received recognition at the council meeting. Bay Area Together Youth advisor Barbara Aspinall presented scholarships to Amber and Britney for their service to the community and on school campus regarding drug and alcohol education.

27TH **ANNUAL BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL** - The largest community celebration in the Bay Area is scheduled for September 15 - 16, 2001. The festival regularly draws between 12,000 and 15,000 visitors each year. This year's theme is "Fiesta of Fun!" Applications for the Fun Festival parade can be picked up at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 50 East Central Avenue, or by phoning Parade Coordinator Judy Weeks at 269-5585. Mall market and food court applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce or by calling Dolly Roe, mall market and food coordinator, at 888-5194. Space is limited and only a few prime locations in the five-block area on Central Avenue are still available.

SCOUT CABIN TO UNDER GO CLEAN-UP - The Boy Scouts from Troop 68 & 151 will be holding their annual Scout Cabin clean-up day this Saturday, June 9, 2001. The City and Troop 68 & 151 have partnered in this effort to keep the Scout Cabin in the best shape as possible: the City provides the materials and the Scouts provide the muscle behind it to get the job done. Projects scheduled this year include removing cobwebs and moss from the building, building doors for the wood shed, repairing/ replacing the bathroom doors, cleaning out the fire place, and trimming and mowing around the area. The city appreciates the work the scout troops put into maintaining the Scout Cabin. If you know a member of either Troop 68 or 151, please thank them for the work they do for all the citizens of Coos Bay.

ANDERSON ALTERNATIVE MOVING FORWARD - After a public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the proposed Anderson Alternative, the City Council voted 6-1 to move forward with the plan to open up Anderson Avenue from Bayshore to 2nd Street to two-way traffic, and provide some diagonal parking along the south side of Anderson from 2nd Street to 4th Street. Work will be carefully coordinated with the Oregon Department of Transportation and is expected to proceed in the fall after the Fun Festival. The Council and staff were very appreciative of the number of individuals who came out to express their views. If you have questions regarding what is going to be included, please contact Community Services at 269-8918.

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CONTINUE TO USE WATER WISELY - Coos Bay North Bend Water Board General Manager Rob Schab recently announced that the Water Board staff is continuing to monitor reservoir levels and precipitation with the goal of maintaining adequate reservoir levels into the summer season. Customers are reminded to review their already wise use of water. Suggestions include:

Check for leaks and repair leaky faucets and toilets
Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full
Turn off water after you wet your toothbrush or as you shave
Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors
Visit WaterWiser at www.waterwiser.org for more tips on how to reduce water use

The Water Board will continue to update the community on the status of the water supply through media releases and the display board located at the Water Board's offices at 2305 Ocean Boulevard, Coos Bay. For more information contact the Coos Bay North Bend Water Board at 267-3128.

FARMER'S MARKET OPENS - The Farmer's Market is again open in downtown Coos Bay on Wednesdays and will continue through October 31st. The market is located in the parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce. Vendors wishing to participate in the market should contact Diane O'Brien at 759-2526 or Chris Coles at 269-1544.