



The Friday Update

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COUNTY NUISANCE DRAFT ORDINANCE - The Coos County Board of Commissioners has scheduled two hearings to gather comments on the draft county wide nuisance abatement ordinance. The public hearings will be held on Tuesday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Room at the Lakeside City Hall; and Wednesday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Courtroom at the Coos County Courthouse in Coquille. Coos County has sent copies of the draft ordinance to all county libraries. Written comments may be sent by mail at any time before July 24th to the attention of Coos County Board of Commissioners, 250 North Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423.

MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTORS PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE - In our continuing effort to provide a competent and quality inspection program to the members of this community, Codes Inspector Michael J. Perkins has obtained another certification from the Oregon State Building Codes Division as an A-Level Plans Examiner. This certification allows Mike to perform commercial plan review for buildings of 4000 square feet or less. Congratulations Again Mike!

COTTONWOOD AND JUNIPER AVENUES WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - The Coos Bay- North Bend Water Board will be replacing the water main on Cottonwood and Juniper Avenues beginning in early July. The existing water main has exceeded its useful life such that the pipe is creating aesthetic water quality issues and is failing to provide adequate flow. The \$116,000 project will be constructed by Water Board crews and will likely last through September. There may be some delays for traffic entering and exiting Cottonwood and Juniper Avenues and possibly some street closures. There will be occasional water outages to homes within the work area as the project progresses. Contact Operations Director Ron Hoffine at the Water Board for questions at 267-3218.

COOS BAY HELPS OREGON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD - The City of Coos Bay was able to help the Oregon Army National Guard this past week by loaning the City's grader to them to work on the new soccer fields for the North Bend School District. The National Guard is doing mitigation work to offset the work for the new soccer fields that are being constructing below the North Bend Junior High building. The National Guard has been able to tap several other resources to help with development of the new fields.

MINGUS PARK LAKE WEEDS AND MOSS - It's Not Quite Ready Yet! - Grass is reappearing in Mingus Park Lake, but a plan is in place to hopefully solve the problem. Parks crews are taking the lake's temperature on a regular basis; when it is in the range of 65 degrees, we will be applying an herbicide that will kill the grass and roots, and will not be a safety hazard for the birds or fish. The product was recommended to the city by a specialist at Portland State University. Current temperature of the lake is in the low 60s so we expect the work to take place soon after the 4th of July activities in the Park. The City will lower the water level of the lake and a licensed aquatic herbicide professional will apply the herbicide in the lake. The herbicide will have a good chance to work on the grass before the level rises again and the herbicide can flow out. City staff will post the lake when the application takes place. While the herbicide will be diluted enough that contact with the water is not a health issue, fishing and swimming should be avoided for several days.

COOS BAY POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE REMAINS CONSTANT - Calls for service routed through the North Coos County 9-1-1 Agency housed at Coos Bay Police Department this year to date reflect a trend consistent with calls received in 2000. If the call volume continues at the current rate a total of 32,225 calls will be handled in the dispatch center compared to 31,304 last year. Actual cases assigned to Coos Bay Police are projected to be 4,880 as compared to 4,840 last year. A six month summary of crimes will be prepared by Chief Knight after the June statistics become available.

COOS BAY OFFICER REVIEW CURRICULUM AT POLICE ACADEMY - Coos Bay Police Officers participated this week on work groups reviewing the curriculum at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth. Officer Gary McCullough was called upon to assist with high risk vehicle stops, and Officer Darrell King is assisting with the crime prevention curriculum. The work groups will present recommendations to the Oregon Police Academy staff for curriculum updates and revision.

2001 SUMMER SAFETY TOWN COMPLETED THIS WEEK - The 2001 summer session of “Safety Town” was completed this week at Blossom Gulch School in Coos Bay. The police department intends to expand the program next to the add two weeks additional weeks in order to meet the demand parents have for this vital training for the young people in the community. Many thanks to Anita Miller for the hours in preparation and coordination, and for Coos Bay Police Officer Scott Snyder, North Bend Police Officer Mike Olsen, volunteers and helpers for making Safety town a success.