



The Friday Update

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COOS BAY / NORTH BEND ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS 7TH ANNUAL OREGON COAST AIR FAIR - Saturday, September 1, 2001 at the North Bend Municipal Airport from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featuring monoplane and jet aircraft aerobatics, helicopter aerobatics and comedy act, aircraft static displays and flybys, skydiving exhibitions, rotor vs motor airplane car race plus ABATE of Oregon motorcycle exhibition and classic car & truck show and competition. The City of Coos Bay commends the Coos Bay / North Bend Rotary club for it's involvement each year in bringing the air fair to the south coast. For additional information contact the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 800-824-8486 or (541) 269-0215.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - The League of Oregon Cities will hold a Legislative Briefing at Coos Bay City Hall on Wednesday, September 5th from 9 a.m. through noon. This is an opportunity to find out how 2001 legislative action will affect Oregon cities. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend.

K-9 PROGRAM TRAINING AND EVALUATION - Police Department K-9 Team Supervisor Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth attended a training with the Springfield Police Department this week. As the team supervisor, Sergeant Hedgepeth deals with issues of training, team management, civil liability issues, K-9 and Handler training, and other issues relating to the K-9 and applications. Officer Andy Osborne and K-9 Caesar attended one day for K-9 evaluation.

BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL PARADE - Applications are being accepted for the 2001 Bay Area Fun Festival Parade to be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 15, 2001. Applications are available at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 50 East Central Avenue, Coos Bay, or by calling Chris Christoffer, parade coordinator, 269-4253.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL - The Bay Area Fun Festival Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the Mall Market set-up on the afternoon of Friday, September 14, 2001, and to serve as block watchers on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th. Other volunteers are needed to help with T-shirt orders, vendor parking, parade coordination and other activities. Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to leave a message at (800) 738-4849 code 03, or call festival chairperson Cindi Miller at 267-3341.

FIRE STATION GETS NEW RAMP - City public works crews will begin demolition work on the ramp at the downtown Coos Bay Fire Station. The work will be done in sections to allow for access by the emergency vehicles housed there. The help of the public works crew will result in a significant cost savings for this project. Construction is expected to continue through the month of September so please be watchful of workers in the roadway during this time. This project is part of the fire departments on-going capital improvement projects.

ANDERSON ALTERNATIVE MOVES AHEAD - The first phase of the Anderson Alternative for turning

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Anderson into a two-way street from Bayshore to 2nd Street was completed this week. The City Street crew moved the centerline north on Anderson from 4th Street to 2nd Street to accommodate for the new diagonal parking along the south side of Anderson. The parking doubled the amount of existing parking spaces from 8 to 16. A new crosswalk was installed on the west side of 3rd Street to replace the one eliminated from the east side of 3rd because of the new parking spaces. Signal changes to affect the two-way configuration are expected in early November.

NEWMARK AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT UNDER DISCUSSION - The City Council met in special session Wednesday, August 29th, to discuss options for moving forward with the Newmark Avenue Widening Project. Proposals for engineering services related to the multi-phase project have been received, and the Council is determining the next steps. Under consideration is using Empire Urban Renewal funds to assist with design of the project, and potentially to assist with paying for the widening project. The Council will consider the issue again at its meeting on September 18th when staff brings back additional information regarding the engineering process. The goal continues to be to develop five lanes from Fir Street to the "Y," however, there is not yet a clear picture of how the develop could be afforded, and development of three lanes from LaClair to the "Y," that could be further developed to five lanes at a future date, may be an option.

COAST MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM - Planning Administrator Laura Barron, along with representatives from other south coast cities and counties, attended a meeting in Winchester Bay on Tuesday with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. As directed by the legislative Ways and Means Committee, the meeting was held to discuss options for the allocation of coastal management grants for the fiscal year 2001-2002. The legislature has targeted an additional \$340,000 for Coastal Management Grant Funds. No decisions for the allocation of funding was made. Methods discussed for the allocation of funding included population, need, growth, staffing base, resource issues and the amount of shore land in the jurisdiction.

ROTARY OREGON COAST AIRFAIR 2001 BIKE SHOW - Motorcycles are wanted for the bike show to be held from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2001, at the North Bend Municipal Airport. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. with awards to be given at 3:00 p.m.. All types of motorcycles are welcome and there will be six categories to enter. The bike show is sponsored by the South Coast chapter Abate of Oregon, Inc., which promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. For more information call 266-9657.