



The Friday Update

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THE LADY WASHINGTON IS RETURNING - The Lady Washington is returning to Coos Bay for a another visit. She will be in port from April 20th to May 5th and will be moored at the Coos Bay City Dock along Highway 101. Stay tuned for more information on the activities that the ship will have when in port. For more information contact Beve Saukko with the Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions & Convention Bureau at 541-269-8921 or e-mail tourism@harborside.com.

THE SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IS COMING - To get signed up for the spring brush pickup that starts on May 6th, call your garbage provider. There are limitations as to size and what can be accepted, please be sure to ask your garbage provider what the limitations are when you call.

NEW STREET SWEEPER ARRIVES - The City's Street Division has taken possession of a new 2001 Elgin Geovac street sweeper. The City began setting money aside four fiscal years ago to purchase the new sweeper. The new sweeper was ordered in March of 2001 and was built from scratch according to the City's specifications. The old sweeper was used as a trade-in which brought the final cost down to \$146,977. The life expectancy of a sweeper is approximately eight or nine years, but the City was able to get almost 12 years out of the old sweeper by providing a lot of tender loving care.

MINGUS PARK POOL GETS UPGRADE - The Mingus Park pool recently received several upgrades to its circulation system. During the shut down in the first part of April, the sand that filters the pool water was replaced along with a new valve used in the back flushing procedure. This past week a new chemical controller was installed. The old controller, installed in 1987, was showing signs of corrosion and was periodically malfunctioning. If the controller breaks down the pool cannot be used until it is repaired and the chemicals return the pool water to a safe level.

COME SEE AND LEARN ABOUT THE BOY SCOUTS - The Boy Scouts of America, Chinook District, will be sponsoring a Cub Scout, Boy Scout Venturing Scout and Explorer Program on April 20th from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Coos Bay Convention Center (150 Central Avenue). There will be games, races, model campsites, etc. all intended to let everyone know what scouting is all about. Come downtown and have some fun!

CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE TO MEET - The Budget Committee will hold their first meeting on Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Coos Bay Public Library. Copies of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2002/2003 are available on the city's web site, in the Finance Department at city hall, and in reference section at the Coos Bay Public Library. Meetings have also been scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 23rd, 25th, and 30th. Additional meetings, if necessary, have been tentatively scheduled for May 9th and 13th. All meetings are open to the public and will also be taped for airing on the Government Access Channel.

VANDALISM HITS BALLFIELD BUILDINGS - The Mingus Park ballfield storage buildings were broken into on the night of April 7th or early the morning hours of April 8th. The City's Parks crew discovered that several doors were kicked in and the inside areas trashed. Coos Bay Police have a report on the incident and the investigation is continuing. The City is asking for any information on this incident or any other vandalism in the future. Please report any suspicious activities to the Police at 269-8911 or to Coos Stop Crime at 267-6666. Calls to Coos Stop Crime can be anonymous and rewards could be available.

TRAFFIC SAFETY WORKSHOP - Police Department Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth attended a two day traffic safety workshop in Bend earlier this week. Police agencies receiving grant funding for traffic safety programs are required to attend and participate in the workshops dealing with traffic safety issues and grant requirements. The police department has used grant funds for many years to support traffic safety in Coos Bay.

POLICE CALLS REMAINS STEADY - Based upon the current activity load, the Coos Bay Police Department and North Coos County 9-1-1 will log more than 30,000 calls to the 9-1-1 Center, and will respond to roughly 4,500 calls for service this year. The Police Department anticipates receiving year end statistics from the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reporting Center in the near future.

HOME SHOW 2002 - The 11th annual Home Show will be held April 26th, 27th and 28th at the SWOYA Boys and Girls Club Center, 3333 Walnut, Coos Bay. Free shuttle service from K-Mart will be offered by Jerry's Taxi. Admission at the door is \$2 per person and children under 12 are free. Enter to win Rainbow Playground System (valued at \$4,200), garden fountain display by Giftabel.com (valued at \$500), \$500 toward construction by Zyta Construction Company, and spray-on truck bed liner by Line-x of Oregon (valued at \$500). All proceeds from admission will go into the local education scholarship fund. The show opens Friday, April 26th at 5 p.m. Hours for Saturday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - The Chamber will hold a "*Business After Hours*" event on Wednesday, April 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Connection.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK - The City Council approved a proclamation declaring the week of April 29th through May 3rd as Back to School Week and encouraged the community to join in observance of this occasion by visiting one of our schools. Linda Clem invited the Council to a breakfast May 1st at the Marshfield High School cafeteria and read the proclamation to the assembly.

OREGON COAST MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS MEN OF WORTH - The Celtic music duo, Men of Worth, will perform Sunday, May 5th at 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 4th and Highland Avenue, Coos Bay. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 OCMA members, \$5 students and are available at AYA Copy Center in North Bend [756-8889], and at the door if seating is available. Advance purchase is encouraged. Those who attended the Men of Worth concert two years ago will remember their versatile blend of traditional and contemporary folk music, their lively renditions of original tunes and songs, and their engaging good humor. Scotsman Donnie Macdonald's performance is an aerobic activity, with legs swinging and feet tapping; and when Jimmy Keigher sings a ballad in Irish Gaelic, it begins softly and grows to claim his entire being before it is through. Their performance is a rich compilation of their combined Celtic musical backgrounds. They are great story tellers, jokesters, instrumentalists and will teach you a thing or two about their rich heritage without you're even being aware that you've been educated!