



The Friday Update

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ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING - Dedication of the first Arbor Day Tree planting will be held Friday, April 26th at 4 p.m. at Blossom Gulch School. A flowering cherry will be planted in front of the school in honor of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Bryan Bertrand. Students from the 5th grade class and Veterans will be participating in the program. Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand will attend the ceremony and MHS Principal Arnie Roblan will be speaking. For more information on Arbor Day activities call 541/888-2569.

CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS PROGRESS - The Coos Bay Budget Committee met in three regular sessions this week, working hard to grasp the magnitude of challenges confronting the community this year, reviewing presentations from City Manager Bill Grile and department heads, hearing presentations by non-profit organizations needing funding assistance to continue their own missions, and discussing ideas for ways to enhance city revenues and prevent service cuts. Coos Bay's budget is available for review online at http://www.coosbay.org/business/Proposed_budget2002-03/proposed_budget_2002-03.html. The Committee picks up its work again next Tuesday evening at the CB Public Library. That meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and like all meetings is open to the public.

ENGLAND POLICE BICYCLE THROUGH COOS BAY - The Coos Bay Police Department hosted police officers from England Tuesday and Wednesday this past week. The "Bobbys" are on a border to border bicycle trip to raise awareness and funding for several charities in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth hosted the visitors Tuesday evening on behalf of Chief Knight, who was at the City of Coos Bay budget meetings. Officer Neil Smith a K-9 Handler from Suffolk Constabulary, Tony Spry, Police Constable from Suffolk Constabulary, bicycled into Coos Bay on Tuesday afternoon. Smith and Spry, along with their support person, Norman Wilcox left for Gold Beach Wednesday morning on their way to California and the Mexican border. For more information on the fund raising bicycle trip from Canada to Mexico, visit their web site at <http://www.bobbyonabike.com/>.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE TRAINING - Police Department Detective Sergeant Dave Main and Sergeant Ron Robson of the police department joined with community members in a training workshop dealing with workplace violence. The training was held at the Red Lion Inn in Coos Bay.

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING OREGON'S BEACHES - The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is about to begin the first round of public meetings regarding planning for Oregon's beaches. An overview of the planning process and the scope at each of seven public meetings scheduled for late April and into May. A complete schedule is online at: http://www.prd.state.or.us/osmp_meetings.php

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department staff will also be collecting concerns and interests from the public regarding the future of Oregon's beaches. For more detailed information on the plans and the meetings see our website at http://www.prd.state.or.us/osmp_hcp.php

THE LADY WASHINGTON IS RETURNING - The Lady Washington is returning to Coos Bay for another visit. She will be in port from April 25th to at least May 5th and will be moored at the Coos Bay City Dock along Highway 101. The ship was originally scheduled to be in port on April 20th, but due to high northerly winds she was held up in Eureka, California. 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.- 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.