



The Friday Update

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MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD - The first Mayor's Recognition Award was presented at this week's city council meeting Tuesday evening. Mayor Joe and Tricia Benetti donated a Myrtlewood plaque to the city for the purpose of displaying the names of citizens receiving the award. Gloria Hillstrom was recognized for her vision and many hours of hard work in developing Choshi Garden in Mingus Park. Through the efforts of Gloria and her volunteers, a swamp-like area of upper Mingus Park has been developed into a beautiful garden. Unable to attend due to illness, Gloria's daughter and son-in-law Bev and Tony Meyers accepted the award. Also attending were several Choshi Garden volunteers.

FUND RAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM - Dream Catchers Relay for Life Team - Crow/Clay and Associates and the City of Coos Bay Employees will hold a fund raising spaghetti dinner on Thursday, June 13th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bay Area Convention Center. Cost of tickers is \$5 for an individual or \$15 for a family. Funds raised will be donated to Relay for Life for cancer research. To purchase your tickets contact Vicki Stake [Finance Department], Debbie Erlar and Shanda Shribbs [Community Services Department] or Crow/Clay and Associates [125 West Central Avenue, Suite 400]. Tickets will also be available at the door.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN - The Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run went through Coos Bay at 8:30 Wednesday morning. This year there were seven Special Olympian Athletes participating. They were escorted through the City by Coos Bay Fire Department. Coos Bay Police Officers, Lounsbury, Scoville, Foster and Babb ran with the Special Olympics runners. This is the 12th year Coos Bay Police Dispatcher Tammy Lounsbury has coordinated the Torch Run for the City.

OFFICER WOLGAMOTT GRADUATES - Coos Bay Police Recruit, Ryan Wolgamott, graduated Thursday from the Eugene Regional Police Academy. He will report to Coos Bay Police Department, Monday, and begin his sixteen week Field Training Program. Successful Police Academy and Field Training Program completion are state mandated requirements for police officer certification in Oregon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING - Coos Bay Police Survival Skill Instructors hosted a Media Day with Survival Skills this week. Media representatives received a first-hand view of the training in a five hour session with police. This year officers from North Bend Police, Coos County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police will be participating with Coos Bay Police in the upcoming scheduled June Survival Skills Training Week.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED ON TELECOM ORDINANCE - The City Council received input from a number of businesses and citizens regarding a draft telecommunications business license fee ordinance at Tuesday's meeting. The proposed ordinance, which was drafted from the City of Eugene's ordinance, is currently under review by the council and staff. No action on enacting the ordinance was taken by the council and the public hearing was continued to the July 16th meeting.

VOLUNTEERS MAKING REPAIRS AT THE SENIOR CENTER - Bay Area Senior Activity Center on South 4th Street is getting some much needed repairs and maintenance thanks to a completely volunteer partnership between local businesses and community members. So far, volunteers working on the building are painting it, they've pressure washed the eaves, replaced the gutters, and repaired a boarded up window. All of the equipment, supplies, scaffolding, paint, even the gutters have been donated by generous businesses. The crews of workers are friends and their families from throughout the City. Another phase of this comprehensive project includes an new landscape design. A business has donated the grass seed and soil amendments. This project was conceived and is coordinated by Coos Bay citizen Rodney Schweitz. He advises there is still a great deal of work to accomplish. He encourages people who are interested in helping out to contact him either at the Coos Bay Police Department, 269-8911, or at his home, 888-9707.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS - At Tuesday's meeting the City Council appointed Councilor Cindi Miller as the city's representative on the Port Airport Advisory Committee, appointed Sharan Thompson as the Downtown Association's representative on the Tree Board, and approved re-appointment of Deloras Duringer to the Coos Library Board. Councilor Miller replaces Councilor Spangler on the committee.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE - The City Council awarded two construction contracts at their June 4, 2002 meeting. Wastewater Pump Station No. 7 will be rehabilitated with new pumps, generator, force main, and misc. associated equipment upgrades. This station is located on North Morrison Street just north of Harris Avenue. Huffman-Wright, from Canyonville, will be the contractor under the supervision of HGE, Inc., the design engineer and construction manager. Also awarded, was a sewer line replacement project in the vicinity of Marshfield High School. As soon as school is out, J.B.S., Inc. will begin the work on South 11th Street. This project is preliminary to the paving of selected streets surrounding the school.

PEDWAY PROJECT MOVES FORWARD - Over the next couple of the weeks the Sportsman Pedway Project will be completed, with the exception of the wall painting. The final concrete slabs were poured this week and the trees and lights will be placed next week. Benches and planters are scheduled to be installed over the next couple of weeks. The wall will be painted once the shotcrete and sealer have had time to dry completely.

FINANCIAL FITNESS – Who Wants to be a Millionaire? - Thursday, June 13th, noon to 1 p.m. at the Business Enterprise Center, 2455 Maple Leaf, North Bend (across from the entrance to the North Bend Airport). Presenter Chuck Holloway, Investment Representative for Edward Jones, North Bend, will discuss:

- Cash management plans — are you a grasshopper or an ant?
- Retire comfortably or work to you die?
- Techniques to optimize your returns
- Risk tolerance — who's afraid of the big bad wolf?

Don't miss this free brown bag luncheon discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch! Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 11 to loribdc@uci.net Brought to you by the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the Southwestern Business Development Center.