



The Friday Update

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MUSIC IN MINGUS – Music on the Bay [MOB] will present concerts in the park every Wednesday at 7 p.m. during the month of September. The concerts will take place on the stage [just below the pool facility] and everyone is invited to attend. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held at the Marshfield High School auditorium. The schedule is as follows September 4th – Acoustic Excellence featuring John Standefer; September 11th – September 11th Memorial; September 18th – Curtis Salgado; and September 25th Pink Martini. For more information, check out their websites: praiseguitar.com curtissalgado.com pinkmartini.com

Primary funding for the community concerts came from a Ford Family Foundation \$7500 matching grant, plus a \$4000 grant from US Bank's Community Foundation, and generous support from local citizens and businesses. Our thanks for the vision and hard work of the members of Music on the Bay!

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE MEETING – Coos County will hold a meeting for the purpose of considering a conditional use request for the natural gas pipeline on August 19th at the Coquille Community building. Presentation is scheduled at 10 a.m., proponent's testimony from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. After the lunch break opponents' testimony will be heard.

PORT OF COOS BAY MEETING REGARDING THE AIRPORT – The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay will host a meeting of the Coos County Board of Commissioners regarding the proposed North Bend Municipal Airport taxing district on Tuesday, August 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Port's conference room located at 125 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Coos Bay. The Port, being a member of the Special Districts Association of Oregon, has invited Mr. Burton Weast, President, and Ms. Hasina Cassim, Legislative Director of Western Advocates, to join this meeting and help provide answers to any questions that city and county officials may have. This is a public meeting and interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact the Port at 267-7678 during normal business hours.

CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR FEATURED ON "IN TOUCH" PROGRAM -- City Manager Bill Grile and finance director Janell K. Howard, CPA, are this week's featured guests on New Northwest Broadcasters' "In Touch" radio program. You can listen in for an update on the City's budget reductions and consolidation with North Bend. The program will air this Saturday evening at 7:00 PM at radio 1340AM and again on Sunday morning at 7:00 AM at radio 94.9FM, 107.3FM and 1230AM.

CITY OF COOS BAY TESTIMONY SUPPORTS VOTER CHOICE FOR PROPOSED AIRPORT DISTRICT -- Wednesday evening City Manager Bill Grile delivered the City Council's sentiments about the proposed countywide airport district at a public hearing held by the Coos County Board of Commissioners in North Bend. Paraphrasing a letter for the Council by Mayor Joe Benetti, the city manager encouraged the Commissioners to place the proposed countywide district before the voters to let them decide if they support the idea. Coos Bay continues to be a strong supporter of the North Bend Municipal Airport due to its importance as a regional transportation hub and economic development asset. Mayor Benetti's letter acknowledges that questions may arise about various specific elements of the proposed district but that there will be plenty of time between now and November to consider these. Supporters of the proposed district reason that the financial burden of supporting the airport should be shared regionally by those benefiting from it, and that without additional support the airport's commercial air service is in jeopardy.

