



The Friday Update

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THANK YOU CITY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS! – A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked to make the annual 4th of July Celebration in Mingus Park a fantastic event. Judging from the smiles and laughter, it was a great time for all on Saturday. And a *special thank you* to Fire Department personnel for the great fireworks display over the bay on the 4th – we appreciate the work that goes into producing the show. The City funded the fireworks this year and requests anyone interested in contributing for July 2000 to contact the Fire Department.

WELCOME ABOARD MATES!! – The HM Endeavor arrived at the Coos Bay City Dock today escorted by US Coast Guard Orcas and is ready to welcome you aboard for tours. The Endeavour is a museum-quality reconstruction of the ship in which Captain Cook explored the south Pacific as part of a scientific expedition. The ship will be open for tours daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 10th through 18th. Additional information may be obtained by calling 541-269-8921. Docents or guides are still needed to work on the ship. If you are interested please contact Cheryl Scott at SWOCC at 888-2525.

CITY COUNCIL MAKES APPOINTMENTS – At Tuesday evening's regular council meeting the City Council appointed Sharon Thomas to the **Coos Library Board** for a four-year term. Sharon is very familiar with library functions and needs as she has previously served on the Coos Bay Library Board. She is co-owner of several local businesses with her husband Glenn and is active in number of community organizations. Congratulations on your appointment Sharon.

Craig Cheney and Rex Miller were both re-appointed to the **Tree Board** – a second term for both. The City of Coos Bay has the designation as a Tree City USA which requires the city to have an ordinance regulating the planting and protection of trees and shrubs, and to form a tree board to study, investigate, develop, and to update periodically, a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of all street and park trees. Congratulations on your re-appointment and thank you for your willingness to serve on the board.

The final appointment for the evening was that of **municipal judge**. The City recently sent out a request for proposals for municipal judge and received applications from Patricia Davis Hinrichs and John Meynink. Both candidates were well-qualified and were interviewed by the Mayor and City Councilors prior to the council meeting. Patricia Davis Hinrichs was appointed by unanimous vote of the City Council and will resume her duties as municipal judge for the City of Coos Bay on August 1st.

CITY DOCK PUMP OUT & DUMP STATION – The City of Coos Bay has received notification that the grant for a Pump-out and Dump Station at City dock has been approved by the Oregon State Marine Board. The Board met on June 29 to hear the proposal from the City. The project is estimated at \$67,000 with the Marine Board paying for \$62,000. Funds are part of the Marine Boards Clean Vessel program to help clean up the water ways.

EASTSIDE TENNIS COURT – The Parks Commission will be addressing the Eastside tennis court at its upcoming meeting. The court is located at 14th & "F" Streets and is in dire need to be refurbished. The City will be resurfacing the upper Mingus Park courts later this summer and during this process the City will have the contractor look at the Eastside court to determine what can be done and possible costs that would be

associated with rehabilitation. The playing area of the court is regulation, but the end lines lack about 18 feet at each end.

BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM – What's cookin' on the South Coast? Meet the creators of exciting, locally made specialty food products and equipment, and learn how they've grown! Black Market Gourmet, Inc., Northwest Naturals, Bridgewater Smoked Products, and Timber Cover Cookery, LLC. The Chamber Forum will be held on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Inn. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the Chamber at 269-0125.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIXER – The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors cordially invite you to a Business After Hours Mixer to be held Thursday, August 5, 1999 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by Ken Ware Motor Company, 1595 Newmark, North Bend. Tour the newly remodeled showroom, test drive a car, register for great door prizes and bring plenty of business cards. Tickets are \$4 per person or five for \$15. Tickets at the door will be \$5. Deadline for advance tickets is July 30th. Contact the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215 for tickets and information.

LIBRARY RE-OPENING DELAYED – Due to delays in installation of the Coos Bay Public Library's computer network, the next temporary opening has been postponed to Monday, July 19th, instead of July 12th as planned. This will allow for completion of computer installation and training on the computers for staff, as well as continuation of the "book brigade" before the library opens. Right now, many adult books are jammed onto shelves in the children's department and on tables around the building. The extra time will make it possible for staff and volunteers to move many of them to their new permanent locations. There will be another closure in early August but the final opening at completion of the project is still scheduled for mid-August. Thank you for your patience – we guarantee the end-result will be worth the wait!

NEW POLICE RESERVE OFFICER SWORN IN – Richard Derby was sworn in recently as Reserve Police Officer for the Coos Bay Police Department. Mr. Derby has served as a Police Chaplain for the Police Department for the past several years. Mr. Derby is married and lives in North Bend. He currently serves as Missions Director for the Myrtlewood Baptist Association. Richard has completed the Reserve Officer Training Academy at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED – Coos Bay Police Officer **Robert Lounsbury** recently received a letter of commendation for his unselfishness in assisting a stranded motorist. Robert, while off duty and on his way back from Court in Coquille, assisted a motorist with a flat tire. The Eugene motorist was partially disabled and could not express enough thanks for Officer Lounsbury's help.

Coos Bay Police Officers **Gary McCullough** and **Andy Osborn** assisted a local resident and Bay Area Hospital by going to an expectant fathers house to tell him to get to the hospital as his child was about to be delivered – hours sooner than expected. Thanks to Officer McCullough and Osborn the first time father was present when the baby arrived. He too was nearly speechless when he expressed his thanks to me.

PURPLE HEART & PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS – On March 1, 1999, at 11:30 p.m. Officer **Andy Osborn** was dispatched to a disturbance call at the Plaza Hotel Apartments in Coos Bay. A police department applicant, **James C. Malone**, was riding with Officer Osborn as an observer at the time of the call. Upon arrival Officer Osborn and Mr. Malone were confronted with a hostile crowd who had refused to leave upon request of the apartment management. Officer Osborn and Mr. Malone were attacked by the individuals in which Officer Osborn received a concussion and cuts to his face. Because he was able to continue even after being injured and with the assistance of his observer three suspects were taken into custody. Officer Osborn was treated and released at Bay Area Hospital, Mr. Malone also received minor injuries which did not require medical attention.

Officer **Andy Osborn** was awarded the Purple Heart and **James Malone** was presented the Public

Service Award which is presented to a citizen who distinguishes himself by highly commendable or unusual acts. The awards were presented at the City of Coos Bay Council meeting on July 6, 1999.

FIREFIGHTERS FISHING DERBY A SUCCESS – The Fire Department would like to thank several local businesses and agencies for their help in putting on this years 4th of July Fishing Derby at Mingus Park. Thanks to McKay's Market in Empire, North Bend McDonalds, Coos Forest Protection and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Over 350 trout were caught by local youths, rounding out a great day of fun!

FIREWORKS DISPLAY KUDOS – Thanks to the many Coos Bay Firefighters who donated their time and energies to put on this years fireworks show. The show was the perfect way to end the July 4th festivities. See you next year!

LOCAL CITIZENS RECOGNIZED – Three local citizens were given recognition at this weeks City Council Meeting. Lynda Sanders, Aaron Evans and Khris Klein were presented with certificates of appreciation for their part in rendering emergency first aid to Eastside Elementary student Sam Lal. Sam received a serious wound at the school and was tended to by the three until emergency crews arrived. Their quick actions prevented more serious consequences from his injury.

LABOR TRENDS – The lowest paid workers in Oregon have experienced a 15.5% wage increase during the 1996-1998 period since voters passed a law to increase the minimum wage, according to research completed by the Oregon Center for Public Policy, a non-profit research organization. The next tier of workers, who earn 75% of what the rest of Oregonian earn, paid at slightly above minimum wage, are also increasing by nearly 10% from 1996-1998, inflation adjusted. The study sought to answer the question of whether employers would respond to the wage increase by hiring fewer workers or cutting hours.

The article does not discuss overall employment figures, but says, “ The decision to raise the minimum wage has not resulted in any significant job losses.” Employment rates have risen for young workers with low levels of education, and placement rates of ex-welfare recipients have increased. It further lists the average number of hours worked and reports a very slight increase, from 28.9 hours per week for retail workers in 1996 to 29.7 hours in 1998. (Information excerpted from State of Oregon Employment Department)

WASTEWATER PROJECTS – The City of Coos Bay has received the green light to proceed with several water related construction projects this year. Because our city falls within an environmentally sensitive area, projects are closely monitored by the Division of State Lands, the Army Corps of Engineers and most recently, the National Marine Fisheries Service. We are looking forward to the construction of a new pump station in Eastside which will replace two ailing stations. Also several repair items surrounding slough crossings will take place within the established October to February window to insure the safety of endangered species.

CITY COUNCIL AND DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION TO MEET – The City Council will hold a work session with the Downtown Association on Wednesday, July 14th at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. Among the topics of discussion will be the historical museum, downtown parking, and location of the Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Information Center. The meeting is open to the public.

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL – Be sure to mark your calendar for July 17th through 31st for the Music Association's annual Oregon Coast Music Festival. For ticket information contact The Box Office at 269-2720 or stop by at 181 South Broadway. For information about the festival contact the Oregon Coast Music Association at 235 South Anderson, P O Box 663, Coos Bay OR 97420, phone/fax 541-267-0938, e-mail at ocma@mail.coos.or.us Or check them out at <http://www.coosnet.com/music>

Festival limited edition poster signed and numbered by artist, Dutch Mostert are available for \$25 before

the festival, during and after the festival for \$35 and may be purchased at festival concerts, The Frame Stop in Coos Bay, The Framery in North Bend and The Clock Tower in Bandon.

ANNUAL COOS BAY-NORTH BEND CHALLENGE SOFTBALL GAME – Members of the City Councils and staff of the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend will play their annual challenge softball game on Saturday, July 17th at 4 p.m. The game will be played at Ferry Road Park in North Bend and is part of North Bend Heritage Jubilee. Team Captain Randy Miles has been putting team members through their paces so this should be an exciting event for the team as well as the spectators. We've got a great team prepared for this 'friendly' game so come on out and show your support!