



The Friday Update

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BUDGET MEETINGS BEGIN WITH HIGH-TECH SLIDE SHOW – Coos Bay's Budget Committee convened last night for the first time this season and for the first time in the new public meeting room at the expanded Coos Bay Public Library. The first order of business was review and approval of the Urban Renewal Agency's budget for FY 2000-2001. Then, departing from tradition, Coos Bay city manager and budget officer Bill Grile delivered his annual budget message as a PowerPoint slide show projected on a nine-foot screen. The presentation walked the committee through nearly 60 slides outlining the City's organizational framework, reviewing the Council's goals and adopted fiscal policies, providing an overview of the types of funds and their uses in the budget, and getting down to specifics about revenues and taxes, operational needs, capital outlay recommendations and related budget considerations. Mr. Grile's budget recommendations for both the Urban Renewal Agency and City of Coos Bay are available for review at the City's Web site, as is his full slide show. In fact, the whole budget is available for review online. Visit www.coosbay.org and get involved. The committee takes up its work again next Tuesday evening with review of the police and fire public safety budget recommendations. Public participation is not only welcomed, it's encouraged!

MAYOR VERGER INTERVIEWS CONGRESSMAN DEFAZIO – Yesterday afternoon Mayor Verger interviewed Congressman Peter DeFazio on Channel 14's FOCUS program. As with all FOCUS programs, yesterday afternoon's taping took place at Marshfield High School by the MHS Channel 14 production crew ... staffed by an enthused group of students under the watchful eye of Stephanie Kilmer and MHS teacher Jim Baird. "The kids up there do a great job!" said City Manager Bill Grile, present during the taping. "Clearly, getting to produce a professional quality television program feature a United States Congressman was a thrill for them," he added. After the taping, the students paused for a photo opportunity with Mayor Verger and Congressman DeFazio. Tune in to Channel 14 for the interview. The TV schedule is posted at www.coosbay.org.

CONGRESSMAN DEFAZIO TOURS FRONT STREET – Yesterday afternoon Congressman Peter DeFazio toured Front Street with Mayor Joanne Verger and City Manager Bill Grile to get a first-hand personal briefing about the redevelopment plans that are moving forward. To date, seventeen Front Street property owners have signed "consent agreements" with the City to allow a grant-funded consultant to enter their properties to conduct "Brownfield" contamination assessments that will indicate whether any pollution clean-ups are necessary before redevelopment can occur. This work will be completed by September. Additionally, work is progressing with the Bayshore Streetscape and the Front Street paving projects, which will be bid later this year. "It was really great for Congressman DeFazio to take time out of his busy schedule to see Front Street and visit with us about our redevelopment plans," said city manager Bill Grile after the tour. "We appreciate his support!" he said.

COMPANY'S COMING!! – Chamber of Commerce Manager Kathi Joy reported at the City Council meeting this week that an area-wide cleanup campaign will be held Saturday, May 6th. Are we ready for company? Everyone is encouraged to take a good look around the Bay Area – does it look like a place you'd like to vacation or visit on business? If you would like to help spruce up the area and aren't sure how to go about it, please join us for our second annual "Company's Coming" community cleanup day. Bring your

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relatives, friends, neighbors, church group, service club or whatever.... Just come! Children less than 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Plan for **Saturday, May 6th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Check in at any of the four designated locations: Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (50 East Central Avenue, Coos Bay), Charleston Visitors Center (west end of the Charleston bridge), K-Mart parking lot (3111 Ocean Blvd, Coos Bay), and Pony Village Mall (1611 Virginia Avenue, North Bend). Volunteers will be available to help you select the job that's right for you and give you instructions, materials, and a pat on the back for joining this effort to make the Bay Area shine for all our visitors. Questions? Call the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215.

Celebrate Bay Area Pride! Clean it up! Paint it up! Show it off!

TREE CITY USA – Jim Young, Oregon State Forestry Department, presented Mayor Verger with a Tree City USA flag at Tuesday evening's City Council meeting. This is the sixth year the City has received this award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE – The City Council discussed this issue at some length at their most recent meeting. There is a City Ordinance that regulates the construction, alteration, and maintenance and repair of sidewalks. Maintaining and/or repairing sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner whose property abuts the sidewalk. The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is liable to any person injured because of failure by the owner to maintain the sidewalk in good repair or safe condition. Any hazardous sidewalk should be reported to City Hall (269-8918) for further review and repair by the landowner.

OREGON 2000 ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING SPECIALTY CODE – Effective April 1, 2000 the 1998 Edition of the International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, as published by the International Code Council and as further amended by the Building Codes Division, is adopted as the Oregon 2000 one and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code. Code requirements in effect at the time a plan review or permit application when filed shall control the construction under the application unless the applicant agrees to be controlled by subsequent changes. The good news is that Coos County is still designated as a seismic zone 3 for one and two family dwellings!

LITTER PATROL CONTINUES PICK-UP – The litter patrol has been moving along with the litter pick-up on Bayshore Drive and Broadway Street. Last week they worked along the Newmark Avenue from Empire Boulevard to the city limits at Southwestern. Once Bayshore and Broadway are complete they will move to Ocean Boulevard. After the major streets the patrol will be cleaning up grass along the major streets that is growing in the curb line.

BROWNFIELD SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES – The City of Coos Bay has submitted a Statement of Interest to the U.S. EPA stating our desire to become a showcase community. If selected, special technical, financial and other assistance provided by a myriad of federal agencies could be provided for our community's work toward the restoration and reuse of contaminated property. This investment would complement the current grant that is being used for site assessment activity preliminary to cleanup.

LABOR TRENDS – The March Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Non-farm employment rose by 416,000 in March to 130.7 million, seasonally adjusted. This increase included the addition of 117,000 temporary census workers. Also, it is likely that some of the March payroll employment gain resulted from a calendar anomaly. This year, there were 5 weeks instead of the usual 4 between the February and March survey reference periods. The last time this occurred was in 1972. Because this occurrence is so rare, the payroll employment estimates for March cannot be adjusted for the differences in the number of weeks between the survey reference periods, as is done for other months. Thus, the estimates of employment change this month reflect an additional week's growth. This effect is most

pronounced in seasonal industries that tend to add jobs at this time of the year.

In the goods-producing sector, construction employment grew by 89,000. Manufacturing employment was down by 5,000 over the month. This decrease would have been larger had it not been for the return of 15,000 striking workers in the aircraft industry. In the service-producing sector, the service industry added 150,000 jobs in March, following an unusually small gain in February (22,000, as revised). The largest employment increase was in business services (48,000), where personnel supply services added 19,000 jobs. Transportation and public utilities added 27,000 jobs in March. (*Information excerpted from State of Oregon Employment Department*)

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES AWARD BANQUET – The Fraternal Order of Eagles held their annual Public Safety appreciation banquet Saturday, April 15, 2000. The organization honored Fire Service, Emergency Medical, and Law Enforcement throughout the entire county with speeches, recognition awards, and a full course dinner for all guests. Sergeant Doug Hill was recognized with a presentation at the banquet for his work as Field Training Coordinator for the Police Department and his involvement with the Rental Owners Association.

CAREER JOB FAIR AT SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Members of the Police Department were on hand at the Career and Job Fair held on Southwestern Oregon Community College last Wednesday. The emphasis this year was on “job ready adults” Visitors at the fair were encouraged to wear business attire appropriate for the job or career they would be interviewing for. Detective Cal Mitts, Officer Scott Rogers, and Reserve Officer and Police Chaplain, Richard Derby represented Coos Bay Police Department at the fair.

SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY RESPONSE – The Police department and its many law enforcement partners throughout the county participated in a school safety emergency services response exercise at Marshfield High School. This is part of a month long school safety program occurring in schools across the county. Our program in Coos Bay involved an earthquake drill, mock lock down, and this week’s emergency response sweep with law enforcement, and next week will be a fire drill.

POLICE DEPARTMENT WORK SESSION – At this month’s scheduled work session at the police department, representatives of the news media were invited for a roundtable discussion with the police. Coos Bay Police Department’s policy on media relations was reviewed. Input from the media representatives showed a need for in-service training for all staff and some procedural changes in how the policy is implemented. This was beneficial and positive interaction and the Coos Bay Police Department is grateful for the time the media representatives took from their busy schedules and deadlines to meet with us.

OFIA CONFERENCE – Fire Chief Stan Gibson attended the Oregon Fire Instructors Conference in Bend this past week. Chief Gibson was the instructor for "Managing Your Training Needs and Marketing Your Training Program" at the annual conference. Along with instructors from West Virginia, Oklahoma and Virginia Chief Gibson taught classes for over 100 conference attendees.

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL 2000 POSTER TO BE UNVEILED AT INLAND POINT, FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – The Oregon Coast Music Association will introduce the 2000 Oregon Coast Music Festival limited edition poster at a gala party April 28, beginning at 6 p.m. Host for this year's Poster Party is Inland Point Assisted Living Residence, just south of the Broadway and Newmark intersection, near Oregon Federal Credit Union. Admission is \$5 at the door.

"The Poster Party is the traditional kick-off for Festival preparations," said Nancy Price, current President of the Music Association. "And Inland Point graciously invited us to be their guests for this year's Party. They've opened their living and dining rooms for our Poster Party audience, and are preparing hors d'oeuvres and other treats for us.

"Oregon artists Jerry Baron created the image for the 2000 Oregon Coast Music Festival Poster. The

result is a very striking poster with all the brilliant colors and Fauvist boldness Jerry is known for." Music Festival fans can meet the artist and have their posters personally signed at the Party. This is also an opportunity to renew memberships, and to purchase advance tickets for the July 2000 Festival. The Oregon Coast Sinfonietta will entertain party-goers with a variety of music, from Haydn to Claude Bolling.

"And this is the opportunity for budding Bernsteins to take charge of the Festival Orchestra," Ms. Price added. "We will be auctioning the maestro's baton at the Poster Party, which gives the winning bidder the opportunity to take the stage during the Pops Concert and conduct the Oregon Coast Music Festival Orchestra in a grand march." The Oregon Coast Music Festival Poster Party begins at 6 p.m. at Inland Point Residence, 2290 Inland Drive, North Bend.

OREGON COAST MUSIC ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES THE RETURN OF THE OREGON COAST SINFONIETTA – The Oregon Coast Sinfonietta returns to active performance Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom of Coos Bay's "Old City Hall." The concert, titled "A Celebration," includes music of the baroque, classical, romantic and contemporary periods including works of Lully, Rameau, Haydn, Schumann, Mahler and Claude Bolling. Tickets will be \$6 per person at the door. Wine and desserts will be available. "It has been 23 years since schools in our region sacrificed their orchestra instruction programs to budget pressures," Chris Rosman explained. "Twenty-two years ago, an Oregon Coast Sinfonietta was started by Charles Heiden, along with the Haydn Festival. That Festival grew in time to be the Oregon Coast Music Festival. But the Sinfonietta gradually dissolved, and whenever a professional string ensemble was needed for community performances players from outside the region had to be found. Now, I feel we've come full circle. There are three orchestra in the bay area – a Youth Symphony sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon which currently has 18 string players; an orchestra for more advanced students sponsored by Southwestern Oregon Community College, which includes twelve string musicians as well as flute, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, keyboard and percussion; and the Oregon Coast Sinfonietta."

"The Oregon Coast Music Association is proud to have the Sinfonietta active again, performing for the Association," said Nancy Price, current OCMA President. "Our musical community has made such progress in the last few years. Once again we have a Sinfonietta – a continuing ensemble of professional players available for concerts – and opportunities for students to explore orchestra playing through the Youth and the community college organizations." The Oregon Coast Sinfonietta includes musicians Clair Mohr, Lowell Thomas, Lisa Jarvis, Audrey Steenbock, Margaret McHugh, Connie Risley, Charla Spigolon, Deborah McAndrew, and Chris Rosman.