



The Friday Update

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4TH OF JULY IN THE PARK – The City's annual Independence Day celebration will be held in Mingus Park on Tuesday, July 4th. This year's event organizer is Marty Crouse and she had done a great job of getting more activities and entertainment in the park. The day will begin with the Children's firecracker run at 9:30 a.m. and the Mayor's 4K run at 10:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:15 for the Kids Run and 9:45 a.m. for the 4K run. Entry fee for the 4K is \$3 and the Kids Run is free. T-shirts are an additional \$9. Interested runners should contact Pete Dawson at 267-6329.

The festivities will begin with the dedication of the newly completed Mingus Park Stage at 10:30 a.m. Entertainment on stage will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon. Free flags, cotton candy, popcorn and flags, and activities including canoe rides, fishing derby, free swimming at the Mingus Pool, petting zoo, face-painting, build a bird feeder, and much much more. Several food booths will be set up and The Grounds will be open at 9 a.m. for early morning coffee, scones and other goodies. Fireworks will be over the bay at dusk arranged by the Coos Bay Fire Department. We hope to see you there!

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY – City Hall offices and the Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day Tuesday, July 4th. Offices will be open on Monday, July 3rd. The City Council and Staff wish you a safe holiday. The City Council meeting (normally held the first Tuesday of the month) will be held on Wednesday, July 5th. The meeting begins with a work session at 7 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the council chambers at city hall and are open to the public.

POLICE ENFORCE SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE – Coos Bay City Ordinance 228 restricts certain areas from skateboards and roller blades. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the investment made in local improvements. Skateboards and similar devices cause considerable damage to sidewalks, planet boxes, and constructed with local resources. In an effort to ensure compliance, the police department will remain proactive in enforcement of ordinance 228. Citations have been issued to this week for violation of the ordinance in both the down town area and at the newly constructed Mingus Park Stage. Violations of the ordinance may result in a fine and / or loss of the skateboard.

K-MART DONATES FUNDS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT – Coos Bay K-mart manager has announced a \$500.00 donation to the Coos Bay Police Department. The donation is to be used by the police department for use in the D.A.R.E. program in the Coos Bay Schools. The police department is extremely grateful to K-Mart manger, Jim DeLong and staff for this generous donation.

COOS BAY POLICE OFFICER COMPLETES SCHOOL RESOURCE TRAINING – Coos Bay Police Officer, Dan O'Loughlin completed School Resource Officer training this week at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth. Police Chief Knight has commended Officer O'Loughlin for his interest in the school resource officer position and pledges his continued support in the Coos Bay Schools.

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MARITIME ART EXHIBIT – The 7th Annual Maritime Art Exhibit will be held at the Coos Art Museum July 7th through September 9th. The exhibit was created by members of the American Society of Marine Artists featuring the work of this year's guest artist, June Carey, from Chico, California. A self-taught artist, June Carey has been painting in oils for more than 20 years. June has developed a unique style, incorporating both intense color and dramatic light effects, setting her work apart from other seascape artists. Her work displays a vital representation of the scenes she loves, bringing the viewer into the painting. Her depictions of the Pacific coast have been included in notable exhibitions and private collections throughout the United States. The opening reception for the exhibit will be held July 7th 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Art Museum. Come meet some of the participating artists and cast your vote for the "People's Choice Award".

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL – Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual Oregon Coast Music Festival July 15th through 29th. Evening events will be held at 7:30 p.m., outdoor events at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 267-0938.

BLAST INTO LIBRARY SUMMER READING – The library's Summer Reading Program, "Ticket to Tomorrow," blasted off to a big start last Saturday when 76 children enjoyed a multi-media performance by Act!vated Storytellers. The next special program will be held Wednesday, July 5 when popular puppeteer Celeste Rose will give two performances, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., of "Henny Penny's Trip to the Moon," an adaptation of the old children's favorite "Chicken Little." Other free activities continue into August for ages preschool through high school. There are story times, crafts, independent reading and listening programs, prizes to win and other exciting special performances. Summer reading is sponsored by Friends of the Library and this year is also sponsored by Oregon Library Association, the Craig Berkman family, Wells Fargo Foundation, Oregon Public Broadcasting and Washington Mutual Foundation.

RARE HISTORICAL PHOTOS ON EXHIBIT AT THE LIBRARY – Through the auspices of Coos Art Museum, a collection of rare photos from the private collection of local marine historian Victor West is being shown at the library until July 7. The photos are of the "Mosquito Fleet," small vessels that were an important part of early Bay area life before a good land transportation system had been developed. They were used for everything from church services to milk delivery. This exhibit is in coordination with the July 7th opening of the museum's annual Maritime Art Exhibit.

COOS BAY LIBRARY EXPANDS OPEN HOURS – After reviewing results of a recent library user survey, past library usage, open hours at neighboring libraries, and staffing requirements, the Library Board has voted to expand open hours beginning Monday, July 3rd. The new schedule includes increased morning and evening hours for an additional 6.5 hours per week. The new schedule will result in stronger public service throughout the week. The library will be closed on Tuesday for the July 4 holiday but will be open Monday and then Wednesday under the new schedule.

MINGUS PARK STAGE – The final portions of the work to complete the stage are being completed. The stage is effectively ready for use and will be formally dedicated on the Fourth of July at 10:30 a.m. The City Council has approved policy guidelines for the reservation and use of the stage - reservations are required in order to use the stage; these may be obtained through the City's Department of Community Services (269-8918). There have already been some issues with unauthorized use of skateboards on the stage structure. The stage is posted for No Skateboard use and this will be vigorously enforced by the Coos Bay Police Department. Unauthorized skateboarding on the stage structure can result in arrest and confiscation of the skateboard pending trial.