



The Friday Update

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULED – A workshop to discuss the proposed Front Street redevelopment plan has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. in the Port of Coos Bay conference room, 125 Central Avenue. The public is welcome to attend.

BROWNFIELD UPDATE – The first phase of the environmental site assessments is nearing completion for properties within the Waterfront Heritage District along North Front Street. Voluntary participation by the affected owners is an encouraging 86 percent. The properties will be ranked according to potential cleanup needs and the selected parcels choosing to continue with the EPA grant program will move into the next phase of assessment.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING DRAWS TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE – Hundreds of children have participated in Coos Bay Library's Summer Reading Program, reading lots of books and enjoying six fabulous special performances. Best of all, children and parents have told staff how the whole program has provided the incentive to read, read, read! Grand prize winners will be announced this Saturday. No programs or story times are scheduled for the month of August but a wonderful array of children's programs and events is set to begin in September.

THE LIBRARY WELCOMES A NEW REFERENCE LIBRARIAN – Dianne Zarder has accepted the position of reference librarian at Coos Bay Public Library, replacing Nancy Freeman who left recently to return to college and to teaching. Dianne comes to the library after serving as Director at the Curry Public Library in Gold Beach for the past three years. Prior to that she was Reference Referral Center Librarian at OSU's Valley Library, answering research questions for the region's libraries and training librarians in reference techniques. Her Masters in Library Science is from the University of North Texas. Her home has long been in Coos Bay and several years ago she worked as coordinator of the Coos County Cooperative Library System. She is a most welcome addition to the library staff and begins work August 23rd.

BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM – The next Chamber Forum will be held Wednesday, August 16th at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion. The topic will be South Coast Hospice – an Overview of How Hospice Helps Local Families presented by Pam Dennis, Outreach Support Manager. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the Chamber office at 269-0215.

COOS ART MUSEUM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – The Coos Art Museum's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with Gold'n Silver Spurs Saturday, September 9th beginning at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the George and Lola Walker estate, 2166 Madronna, North Bend. There will be a buffet dinner, silent auction, no host bar and music and dancing. For more information stop by the Coos Art Museum or the Art Connection.

OFFICE SPACE IS AVAILABLE – Office space is available at the Business Enterprise Center. 800 Support has moved to their new building leaving two vacant offices that are now available to rent. Both offices are located near the reception area and the conference room. New or expanding businesses are eligible to apply. The basic lease package includes reception services, conference room, fax and copy machine use,

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management assistance, all utilities except phone, kitchen area, workstations in reception area, internet access and support services. The Enterprise Center is located across the street from the North Bend Airport and is in the North Bend Business Park. The Center is a business incubator, which means they incubate a new business for three years and offer services and support to help them succeed. If you are interested in seeing the incubator please stop by at 2455 Maple Leaf, North Bend or call 756-6778.

DOWNTOWN PARKING – The City Council is requesting that downtown merchants ask their employees to park away from areas that would be used by shoppers and business visitors. The City Council met in a work session recently with the Parking Committee to discuss changes to the current parking system. Although the Council did not establish additional timed parking areas, they did agree to look into purchasing property for the purpose of developing parking lots. At the City Council's direction, city staff will prepare a flyer for distribution to merchants requesting consideration be given for freeing up parking for shoppers and visitors.

WELCOME RESERVE OFFICER MALONE – James 'Chris' Malone was sworn in as Coos Bay Police Departments newest Reserve Police Officer earlier this week. Chris and his wife live in the Coos Bay. Reserve Officer Malone works for Merrill Pest Control and attends Hauser Community Church. Welcome aboard Officer Malone!

D.A.R.E. CAR DONATED TO MYRTLE POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT – The Coos Bay City Council approved the transfer of a 1988 Ford Mustang D.A.R.E. car from Coos Bay Police Department to the Myrtle Point Police Department. The vehicle was no longer needed for the program in Coos Bay. The city of Coos Bay is pleased to be able to assist other local government agencies on the South Coast in meeting their needs.