



# The Friday Update

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**SENATORS WYDEN AND SMITH TO HOLD A TOWN HALL MEETING** -- Senators Wyden and Smith will be holding town hall meetings around the state during the month of January. In Coos Bay the meeting will be held at the Coos Bay Library on Tuesday, January 9th at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. For more information call (541) 431-0229.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE RELATIVELY QUIET** – As in the past, the Coos Bay Police Department beefed up patrols for New Year's Eve. The police log for the four-hour period leading up to midnight and the four-hour period after midnight resulted in only ninety-six entries, for an average of one activity every seven and one-half minutes during the eight-hour period. Police issued several citations and warnings for traffic violations, arrested five intoxicated drivers, and responded to five disturbance calls. There were no traffic accidents or injuries during the same time period.

**ENHANCED PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** – The Police Department has been requested to increase enforcement of posted parking limits in residential areas. The enhanced enforcement was requested to assist local residents in congested areas such as the area of Marshfield High School. During the period from November 1, 2000 through January 2, 2001 the Police Department issued 55 parking citations within a one block radius of the high school. Students are particularly encouraged to obey the parking regulations in this area.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JANUARY** – Congratulations to Support Services Supervisor Linda Spence for completing twenty-four years of service in the police department on January 5<sup>th</sup>, Officer Scott Snyder for twelve years of service on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Officer Pete Kirk who will complete his first year on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**TREES VANDALIZED IN EMPIRE** – Over the Christmas holiday seven trees in the Empire District of Coos Bay were vandalized. The Armstrong Maple trees were part of the Empire Street Scape project completed last year and this past fall. The trees were broken in half and cannot be salvaged. The trees cost about \$250 each to replace - a claim for replacement will be turned into the City's insurance company. A police report has been filed. Please contact Coos Stop Crime at 267-6666 if you have any knowledge of who may have damaged the trees.

**DREDGING PROJECT** – West Coast Contractors, Inc. has been awarded the contract to remove the sediment at the Johnson Ave. storm water outfall just east of the Fred Meyer complex. This problem, caused by the tidal influence of Coalbank Slough, slows the drainage from the area's storm water pump station. Work within the sensitive waters of the Coos Bay estuary requires a permit from three state agencies; the Division of State Lands, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Army Corps of Engineers. In order to protect sensitive salmon habitats, all work will be done within the narrow construction window from October 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup> - the time least disruptive to aquatic life.

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**URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AUTHORIZES PURCHASE** – At its meeting Tuesday evening the City's Urban Renewal Agency authorized the city manager to proceed with the purchase of property located at 112 Empire Boulevard (the location of the Bay Club before it burned several years ago). The Agency will firm up plans for the use of the property in the near future. A couple of ideas are under consideration. One is to develop a scenic overlook at the site since views of the water from that side of town are scarce. Another is to redevelop the property for some income-producing use, such as a privately owned restaurant, but with views protected through covenants or lease restrictions. The public will have an opportunity to express itself about this before any decision is reached by the Agency. What are your thoughts? Write or email them to city manager Bill Grile ([bgrile@coosbay.org](mailto:bgrile@coosbay.org) or 500 Central, Coos Bay, OR 97420).

**BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS** – It is once again time for all business licenses to be updated and renewed. The 2001 business license renewal season is in full swing with the forms having been mailed in late December. Please call the Community Services staff at 269-8918 if you have not received yours or if you have any questions. The renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> and can either be mailed to City of Coos Bay, 500 Central Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420 or can be dropped off at City Hall.

**COUNCIL HEARINGS ON EMPIRE DESIGN REVIEW** – On Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> the City Council began its review of proposed Land Development Ordinance text amendments which could create goals and standards for the design of structures for a portion of the Empire district. The proposed changes are based on guiding the construction of private and public development to evoke the architectural styles of buildings which existed in Empire from the mid-to-late 1800s and to provide a more attractive living, working and shopping environment. The Council will hold a work session on the proposal on February 8th at 7 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room at City Hall. Another public hearing on the matter is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**CHAMBER ANNUAL BANQUET** – The Chamber's annual banquet will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> at The Mill Casino. The Mardi Gras theme will be complete with decorations and a wonderful menu is planned. Awards will be presented to the selected Citizen of the Year. The Prefontaine Memorial Committee will present the Steve Prefontaine award to an outstanding local athlete. Don't miss the fun! Stop by the Chamber office or call 269-0215 to make your reservation for the Chamber's "Event of the Year".