



# The Friday Update

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**LIBRARY BEGINS NEW SERIES OF COMPUTER WORKSHOPS** - On Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Library begins a series of free workshops that will provide basic information on use of the Internet. These workshops, presented earlier this year, are being offered again for those who missed the earlier sessions or would like a review. The topic of the first workshop is "Using Library Services on the Internet." It will cover use of the library's computers to find information available at the library and beyond, and researching information from home or office through the library's Internet home page. Other workshops will be "Browser Basics" on July 24<sup>th</sup> and "Search Engine Basics" on July 31<sup>st</sup>. All sessions will be held in the library's Myrtlewood Meeting Room from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with time for a question and answer period. No registration is necessary.

**WATERCOLOR SHOW FEATURED AT THE LIBRARY** - Old Oregon stores and boats are the subjects of Charlie Vincent's watercolor show on display at Coos Bay Library throughout the month of July. Vincent, a Coquille resident and native of Coos County, received the People's Choice Award in the Coos Art Museum's Public Hanging '98 for his watercolor rendition of the old Blachley Store between Eugene and the coast, which is on display in the library. Now retired and serving on Southwestern's Board of Education, Vincent taught art in the Myrtle Point School District from 1973 to 1998.

**COMPUTER CRIME INVESTIGATION TRAINING** - Coos Bay Police Officers Rod Schweitz and Tony Wetmore attended a course in computer crime investigations. The course held in Eugene, Oregon provided specialized training for detectives and officers in current techniques for investigation of computer related crimes.

**REMINDER OF ORDINANCE - SELLING CARS ON CITY STREETS** - The police department has received complaints about cars parked on the street for the purpose displaying the vehicle for sale. As a result, the police department has issued several warning citations for vehicles parked in violation of Coos Bay City Ordinance number 114 as amended by Ordinance number 174 and 236. Section 29 of the Ordinance states: **"Section 29. Prohibited Parking.** No operator shall park and no owner shall allow a vehicle to be parked on a street for the principal purpose of: (1) Displaying the vehicle for sale. (2) Repairing or servicing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency. (3) Displaying advertising from the vehicle. (4) Selling merchandise from the vehicle, except when authorized." The police department urges individuals to be mindful of ordinance 114 as enforcement action will continue to address complaints received from the public.

**MINGUS PARK LAKE WEEDS AND MOSS** - In its quest to find a permanent solution to the grass growing in the lake, Community Services will implement the plan determined last winter to try an herbicide on the grass. The temperature has reached the desired level to allow the herbicide to work most efficiently. City staff will lower the water level in the lake and proceed with placing an herbicide on the weeds and grass that is now growing quite profusely in some sections of the lake. The lake will be lowered three to four inches prior to applying the herbicide allowing the herbicide to work and dissipate before the lake fills back up. There is very little inflow into the lake at this time. Human contact with the water for several days after

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the spraying has been done should be avoided. The area around the lake will be posted once the work begins. The spraying should take place within week or so. Specialists from Portland State University tell us that the herbicide may have a temporary effect on the lily pads, but should not harm either birds or wildlife.

**MINGUS PARK SOFTBALL FIELD REHABILITATION PROJECT GRANT AWARD** - The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has announced that the City of Coos Bay will receive a \$29,393 grant to fund the Mingus Park Softball Field Rehabilitation Project. The project consists of replacing the old wooden light poles at the Mingus Park softball field with new steel poles, installing new light fixtures using modern technology, and adding another set of aluminum bleachers. The grant is from OPRD's Local Government Grant Program, funded by lottery funds to help cities, counties, METRO, park and recreation districts and port districts acquire, develop and rehabilitate park and recreation areas and facilities. The grant is one of 27 awarded for large grant requests (those for projects over \$50,000). OPRD received requests for 62 projects in the over \$50,000 category totaling just over \$8 million. The City of Coos Bay will match the state grant with \$29,393 to fund the total \$58,736 cost of the Mingus Park Softball Field Rehabilitation Project. The Local Government Grant Program provides up to 50% of the project for cities with populations over 5,000 and counties with more than 30,000 residents. For more information contact Steve Doty, Coos Bay Operations Administrator, at 269-8918.

**DEPT. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNIVERSARIES** - Congratulations Carol Anderson on 5 years, Steve Doty on 18 years, and Debbie Erler on 13 years with the City of Coos Bay! Carol is the part-time custodian for City Hall, Steve is the Operations Administrator for the Streets and Parks Division, and Debbie is the Planner 1. Thank you for your service to the City and the community!

**CITY REMOVES PARKING SIGNS** - The City removed several time limit parking signs next to the Tower Ford car lot on the east side of South Broadway and the west side of South Bayshore this past week.. The Council considered citizen requests for this change at its July 3, 2001 meeting, and requested that Community Services remove the signs for a trial period to ensure that there is not any negative impact to the businesses in the area.

**CITY CLEANUP UPDATE** - The City is again working on cleaning up several areas around town where the weeds and litter have built-up. Ocean Boulevard from Central Avenue to Woodland Drive collects a lot of litter and grass grows rapidly over the walking area. The Shutters Creek inmates will be scheduled next week to start cleaning this area. The island planter at 7<sup>th</sup> & Central just got a face lift with weeds being removed and new bark mulch placed. Once the irrigation is repaired in this area it will again be irrigated. The City Hall planter area along 6<sup>th</sup> Street will be spruced up as soon as inmates can be scheduled to perform that work. The island area north of Fir and east of Bayshore is scheduled to be cleaned up this week by City crews. Shutters Creek is used a lot on labor intensive projects that require a lot of bodies to get a project done in a short period of time. The City currently has inmates scheduled once a week, but is attempting to get them more often to finish up some larger projects.

**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO RECYCLE THOSE PHONE BOOKS** - The Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon wants your used phone books for its Books for Bucks program. Phone book recycling sites are located in Coos Bay at the Boys and Girls Club parking lot, 3333 Walnut Avenue; at the club's tennis center off 34<sup>th</sup> Street; and at Fresh Mart on Central Avenue. Donations will be accepted through July 18 at all three locations. For more information contact Sarah Wood at 267-3635.

**\$1000 IN PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS IN COOS ART MUSEUM EXHIBIT** - Four awards of \$250 were recently presented to prize-winning artists in the Coos Art Museum's popular 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Maritime

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Art Exhibit. The People's Choice Award was presented to Rose Perez of Pacific City, Oregon, for her oil painting "After the Storm". The watercolor "New Wheel, New Paint" by local painter "Charles of Charleston" Edmunds was chosen for the Board of Director's Award. The Best of Show Award was presented to Toledo, Oregon, artist Ivan Kelly for his oil painting "January Sky", while Coos Bay artist Merrie Holbert garnered the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Award for her watercolor "Rust & Ropes". The exhibit, which features fifty works from members of the American Society of Marine Artists, runs through July 28 at the Coos Art Museum.

**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY EVENT A SUCCESS** - The 11<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Mingus Park was the place to be this year! Thanks to volunteer event coordinator Marty Crouse and her band of volunteers, the 4<sup>th</sup> was bigger and better than ever. Our hearty thanks to all who participated in presenting a fun day in the park for the community.