



The Friday Update

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FIRE SEASON IN EFFECT - Fire season is in effect throughout the county. Outdoor burning is still allowed in the city limits of Coos Bay and does not require a written permit. Yard debris may be burned in an open fire on the ground and paper/cardboard can be burned in a burn barrel with a screen on top. Any commercial business or land clearing burns must obtain a permit to burn from D.E.Q. Due to the strong summer winds and increasing dryness of grass and other fuels the Fire Department urges everyone to exercise caution when doing any outdoor burning. For a copy of the burning regulations or further information please call the Coos Bay Fire Department at 269-1191.

SAFETY TOWN RECOGNITION - The Police Department wrapped up another summer session of Safety Town for South Coast area youngsters. Safety Town is presented each summer and this year included a partnership with the North Bend Police Department in presenting the program. Safety Town would not be possible if it were not for the many volunteers assisting in the monitoring and instructing our preschool participants. Safety Town awards will be presented at the August 21, 2001 City Council meeting to be held at Coos Bay City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

BLACKBERRY ARTS FESTIVAL - Blackberry season is upon us and with that brings the 19th Annual Blackberry Arts Festival to downtown Coos Bay on August 25 and 26, 2001. Featuring arts, crafts, jewelry, photography, painting, woodworking, entertainment, blackberry treats, food and more. The festival is sponsored by the Coos Bay Downtown Association and organized by the Bay Area Jaycees. There is still room for more vendors. Information is available at www.pcncommunity.com/pcn/blackberry

SPYRO GYRA IN FREE CONCERT - US Bank and Music On the Bay present jazz artists Spyro Gyra in a concert at the Marshfield Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2001. Admission is free. Sponsored by US Bank, Music on the Bay, Coos Bay Toyota, McCabe's Allstate, 105.9 FM KYSJ Smooth Jazz, Oregon Coast Lab Band, KCBY 11, South Bound Sound, Michael Gordon CPA, LLC and Coquille River Broadcasters.

FIESTA OF FUN 2001 - OREGON'S BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL - Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 2001 in downtown Coos Bay and other locations throughout Oregon's Bay Area. Featuring the 22nd Annual Prefontaine Memorial 10K Run and 2 Mile Walk, 10th Annual Cruz the Coos Rolling Car Show, 7th Annual Coos Sand 'n Sea Quilt Show, Cruz the Coos Poker Run at the Mill Casino, Coos Bay Waterfront "Open House" plus much, much more. For Visitor Information contact the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (541) 269-0215 or 800-824-8486.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SEMINAR - Police Chief Chuck Knight, and Sergeant Darrell King attended a seminar on Strategic Planning sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities. In addition to other topics the course included identifying organizational values, action plans, accountability, change, and evaluation models. The course was presented by CT Consulting & Associates.

TAXI ORDINANCE - A Taxi Ordinance enacted by the Coos Bay City Council became in force on August

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17, 2001. The ordinance was enacted as the result of more than a year and one-half of meetings with taxi company owners.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - The Police Department has been invited to participate in a Neighborhood Block Party this Saturday. The event was organized by a local resident to combat crime in the neighborhood. The police department participates with local residents in “Neighborhood Watch” type of events to discuss crime watch techniques and provide crime reduction material. Block parties are designed to allow neighbors to look out for one another for the safety of all concerned.

PERIODIC REVIEW TASK PASSES PLANNING COMMISSION - At its meeting Tuesday evening, the Planning Commission reviewed proposed changes to the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan and recommended approval of the proposal to the City Council. The proposal is scheduled to go before the Council on September 18th. The changes are in response to State requirements. For further information contact Laura Barron at the Department of Community Services (541) 269-8918.

COOS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO CLOSE FOR THE DAY - Local public libraries will be closed Friday, August 24, 2001 to allow staff to participate in a countywide in-service day at Southwestern Oregon Community College. The closure will effects public libraries in Bandon, Coos Bay, Coquille, Dora, Lakeside, Myrtle Point, North Bend, Powers and the library at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Libraries will return to their regular business hours on Saturday, August 25, 2001.

MAGGIE KARL ARTWORK FEATURED - Works by local artist Maggie Karl are featured at the Coos Bay Public Library through the end of August. The exhibit includes oil and watercolor paintings, collages and “stained paintings,” which Karl describes as “dripping, pouring - and praying - on raw canvas.” For more information call the library at 269-1101.