



# The Friday Update

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**DOWNTOWN PLANNING!** - The Oregon Downtown Development Association, a state-wide non-profit group of specialists in downtown planning, will have a team in Coos Bay next week to help the community make some plans for what we want to see in our downtown core. A public meeting will be held Monday, October 1, 7:00 PM, at the Coos Bay City Council Chambers, for individuals to give input to the team on visions for downtown. Team members will be meeting and talking with downtown property owners, business owners and interested individuals on October 1, 2 and 3, and will make a final presentation in a public meeting on October 3, 6:30 PM at the Coos Bay City Council Chambers. Please come and give your input and ideas to the ODDA team!

**FARMER'S MARKET** - The Farmer's Market continues to be held every Wednesday through October 31, 2001 in the parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce. The market is sponsored by the Downtown Association and has proven to be a popular shopping area for residents and visitors.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION READY TO GO TO NEW YORK** - The fire department has raised almost \$10,000 from our local community to assist the New York public safety workers families who were involved in the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. The monies collected have come from many private donations from throughout the county and groups such as the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association, Marshfield High School Art Club, Hospice and the Coos County Democratic Committee. A special thank you goes out to Wal-Mart for allowing the department to do a "fill the boot" in front of their store last Saturday. The generosity of those giving what they could to this most worthy cause reminds us all of what a great community we live in!

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER** - Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2001. This year's theme "*Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire*" targets four major fire safety areas - cooking safety, heating safety, electrical safety and home escape planning. As part of fire prevention week the fire department will be holding open house events at each of the fire stations. Monday, October 8th at Eastside Station No. 3, Tuesday, October 9th at downtown Coos Bay Station No. 1 and Wednesday, October 10th at Empire Station No. 2. All open houses will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings will be served while station tours and demonstrations are conducted.

**BRUSH PICK-UP IS COMING** - The semi-annual brush pick-up is fast approaching. The local garbage haulers will begin on October 1, 2001 to pick-up brush in Coos Bay. For details on how and what can be placed for pick-up, contact your local garbage service for details. A flyer giving details will be in the South Coast Mailer. Additional information can be viewed through a web site at [www.uci.net/~recycle/curb.html](http://www.uci.net/~recycle/curb.html), then click on news for information on the brush pick-up.

**FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENTS** - Bracelin-Yeager and Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad are working together to prepare Front Street for paving as asphalt is removed and rails are straightened. The new surfacing will stretch from Market Avenue to Fir Avenue and include one block each of Alder, Birch, and

Cedar Streets. Surface grinding and reconstruction areas are scheduled for next week, with paving to follow. A special thanks to businesses within the project area for their patience.

**INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OPERATORS ARE MEETING-** Tim Bishop, Bay Area Copiers, made a presentation to the South Coast Development Council regarding lunch meetings of independent business operators in the Bay Area. The Chamber committee will be listening to presentations in the next few weeks from businesses that are making investments in the Bay area about why they are making their investment. Hopefully, we will all learn more about what draws investment to the area so that we can capitalize on it and bring in more! All are welcome to attend the weekly meetings which begin October 17, 2001 at noon at the Mill Casino. Contact Tim Bishop at 751-9663 for more information.

**BUS SHELTERS** - Several bus shelters will be appearing around the city. The first shelter will be appearing at the Coos Bay Library. Other sites approved for the shelters are the northeast corner of Second Street and Central Avenue, Fred Meyer and on Newmark Avenue in front of the Star of Hope. Many thanks to Dean Webb and the South Coast Business Employment Corporation for pursuing this project. Looks like we will have them up before the bad weather gets here.

**PROPOSED 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT** - The 5<sup>th</sup> Street area that has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered and a decision made by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation during a meeting in Salem on October 29 & 30, 2001. The initial meeting on the nomination was held here in Coos Bay in May. The area under consideration is roughly bounded by Golden Street, Johnson Street and the alleys behind South Fifth Street.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN DPSST CURRICULUM WORK GROUPS** - Sgt. Darrell King, along with several other Coos Bay Police Department staff members, are continuing to work with Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) staff in developing its 16-week basic police course. Sgt. King's expertise in crime prevention techniques qualifies him to work as a member of the Work Group developing the Community Policing/Problem Solving portion of the Basic Police Academy. DPSST is the State of Oregon agency responsible for establishing minimum standards for the training and certification of fire, police, corrections, parole and probation officers, telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers.

**METHAMPHETAMINE INVESTIGATION MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** - Coos Bay Police Officer Randy Sparks has been selected to attend a three-day workshop in Vancouver, Washington focusing on the methamphetamine problem and procedures to follow while conducting investigations involving illegal clandestine methamphetamine manufacture. Seminar costs are being covered through a scholarship provided by the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team.

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUMMER INSTITUTE** - Officer Rodger Craddock has been selected to attend the 2001 Violence Prevention Summer Institute held on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. The topic of this year's conference, "Addressing the Root Causes of School Violence - Sowing the Seeds of Peace," is designed to assist officers in developing skills to plan and implement effective violence prevention strategies and programs within a school and community setting.

**BAY TO BAY DISPLAY** - Outdoor paintings by Tony King and William Wheeler grace the Maggie Karl Gallery through October 27, 2001. Scenes of outdoor America include views of the San Francisco and Coos Bay areas as well as Sonoma County, California, where King and Wheeler reside. In the Mable Hanson Gallery you will find the Bay Area Artists Association Regional Juried Show. Organized by the BAAA and jurored by well-known artist, teacher and author Jan Kunz of Florence, Oregon. This new exhibit presents over forty paintings including oils, pastels, acrylics and watercolors from artists residing between Florence

and Brookings. For more information please call Coos Art Museum at 267-3901.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OFFERS FALL CLASSES** - The Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon is offering fall classes for grades 4 - 12. Saturday Academy is an educational enrichment program designed to bring motivated students together with those who share a common interest. It also provides students with the opportunity to explore occupational fields, arts and crafts ideas and challenge their skills in a fun, hands-on learning environment. Classes are scheduled to begin October 2, 2001. More information and Saturday Academy schedules are available by calling the Boys and Girls Club office at 267-3635. The club is located at 3333 Walnut Avenue in Coos Bay. Office hours are 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Monday - Friday. Club hours are 1:00 - 6:30 PM Monday - Friday. The Teen Center is open 1:00 - 9:00 PM Monday - Friday.