



The Friday Update

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DOWNTOWN RECRUITMENT TRAINING SCHEDULED! - The retail/commercial recruitment training that was to follow our recent visit from the Oregon Downtown Development Association has been scheduled for December 6, 2001. Mary Bosch, retention/recruitment consultant from Marketek, will be returning to Coos Bay to provide training on how to successfully recruit businesses into our downtown. If you are interested in working towards a vital, prosperous downtown, please plan to attend. Mary tells us that the 4-hour seminar will be fast paced, and those attending will leave with an action plan and assignments! Cost of the seminar is \$20.00, which includes a handbook. If you would like to attend, please contact Community Services at 269-8918 to request an application, or e-mail sshribbs@dcs.coosbay.org. The skills learned can be used to recruit into any retail/commercial space. **If you want to be part of the process to build our community, please consider attending!** Deadline for registration is November 21st.

GUESTS VISIT COOS BAY FROM INDONESIA - Guests from Bitung, Indonesia arrived in Coos Bay on Sunday and have spent a week touring City, Water Board, Port and Southwestern College facilities in the Bay Area. James Rompas, Public Works and Planning Director; Leopold Dalope, Finance Director; and Max Lumempouw, Port of Bitung Manager were met at the airport by City Attorney Randall Tosh. Accompanying the visitors were interpreters Trsitanti Mitayani and Elly Ismayani. The purpose of the trip is to gain a better understanding of democracy on the local government level. The itinerary included a number of tours, meetings with City, Port and Southwestern College staff, and meetings with the Planning Commission, Library Board, Chamber Forum, and more. The visit was a learning experience for Coos Bay as well. New friendships have developed and a greater understanding of another country and culture obtained. Thank you to our new friends for making the long trip and for sharing your knowledge with us.

COOS ART MUSEUM RECEIVES PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSERVATION GRANT - Coos Art Museum recently announced receiving a grant of Artcare conservation products from Neilsen & Bainbridge, LLC, a well-known supplier of framing and conservation materials to the fine arts community. According to CAM Administrator Reed Lockhart, the materials, including Alpharag mat board and Artcare archival foamboard, were a great help in preparing works from the Museum's Permanent Collection for the current and very popular "WoodWorks" exhibit. Many of the pieces in "WoodWorks" are newly framed, and available to the viewing public for the first time at the Museum. In commenting on the grant of materials used in framing and conserving the works for exhibit, Acquisition Committee Chair Del Smith said: "We very much appreciate the assistance of Neilsen & Bainbridge. In supplying archival materials to the Museum, the company has helped us to display works which might have otherwise gone unseen. Perhaps even more important, the recently framed works will be well protected for the enjoyment of future generations." "WoodWorks", which includes the multi-color woodblock prints of Oregon artist Wal Padgett, runs through January 19th at the Coos Art Museum. For more information call Coos Art Museum at 267-3901.

CHAMBER BOARD COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL GOALS RETREAT - The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met in Bandon November 8th at the Inn at Face Rock for it's annual goal planning retreat. The session also provided an opportunity to review the year's accomplishments to date, which are many. A special note of thanks is in order to Greg Stevens, Publisher of The World and President of the Chamber this year. He's done a great job at the helm. Thanks is also in order for Weyerhaeuser's

Timm Slater. Timm facilitated today's session and is in line to become Chamber President for 2002. City manager Bill Grile attended yesterday's session and remarked afterwards that it was productive and well worth his time. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26th and plan on attending the Chamber's annual banquet at The Mill Casino.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN! - The community is invited to begin the holiday season with the City's annual tree lighting ceremony. The event will be held on Friday, November 23, 2001 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Convention Center, 158 Central Avenue. The evening will be filled with singing of Christmas carols, refreshments provided by the Downtown Association, special Christmas Bear door prizes, pictures with Santa, and carriage rides for children. Santa will arrive by horse-drawn carriage at 6:30 p.m. and assist Mayor Benetti with lighting the Christmas trees. Children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and carriage rides for all children will be offered throughout the evening. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Coos Bay and the Downtown Association.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISO REVIEW - The fire department was host this week to a representative from the Insurance Services Office. The ISO representative was here to review fire department records, water systems infrastructure and communications systems. This periodic review is to determine if the fire department has improved in these areas since the last review in 1988 and warrant a change in the classification rating. Insurance companies utilize the fire department classification rating as a factor in determining insurance premiums. The results of the review will take approximately 8 to 12 months to compile and get notification back to the fire department.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - City administrative offices and the library will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The City Council and Staff wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving. There will not be an update next week so we'll see you again on November 30th.