



The Friday Update

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SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN - The Empire Community Association will hold their 8th annual tree lighting event on Friday, December 7th at the Empire Fire Hall. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the tree lighting and Santa's arrival at 7 p.m. Cookies and hot apple cider will be served and the Sunset School Band will provide music for the evening. **Welcome to Coos Bay Santa!!**

SCDC WEB SITE - Councilor Jeff McKeown presented the recently developed South Coast Development Council's web site at this week's city council meeting. The site has also caught the attention of Yahoo so anyone looking for information about the southern Oregon Coast will have no problem finding SCDC's web site. As explained by SCDC President Melinda Anderson, it is a work in progress so expect updates in the near future. Anyone wanting a first hand look can check it out at www.scdcinc.org

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE BEGINS - The Fire Department will again this year be a drop off location for the local Toys For Tots drive. Please bring in your new, unwrapped toys to the downtown Coos Bay station located at 150 South 4th Street. Your helps is needed to make sure the children of our community have a very Merry Christmas! If you have any questions please call the fire department at 269-1191.

COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION IS CREATED - Foundation President Chris Guernsey is pleased to announce the formation of the Coos Bay Public Library Foundation. All legal requirements have been met to establish the Foundation as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under state and federal law. The Foundation is headed by an eight-member board of directors. Formation of the organization was a goal that emerged from a Library Board of Trustees planning session two years ago and members of both the Library Board and Friends of the Library have been working since then to meet the goal. The purpose of the Foundation is to lend long-term support to the Coos Bay Public Library so that provision of quality library service will be assured in the future.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME - The Coos Bay Public Library sponsors a monthly bilingual storytime and the next session will be Monday December 10th at 10:00 am. Stories will be read in both Spanish and English by a volunteer storyteller. Children of all ages are welcome.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY - This month's author visit to Coos Bay Public Library features a talk by Tom Maddron on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's Myrtlewood Room. Maddron is a family counselor and author of "Living Your Colors: Practical Wisdom for Life, Love, Work, and Play." He will read from his work and share his wealth of experience working with families. The Author's Night series is offered free of charge by Friends of the Library.

LIBRARY OFFERS HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN - The Coos Bay Public Library has scheduled its annual festive Holiday Program for children ages 3 to 12 in the Myrtlewood Room on Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 am. This free 45-minute program, presented by storytellers and musicians from the South Coast community, includes seasonal stories and songs, a take-home craft, and treats. The Friends of the Library sponsor the program.

SENIOR DAY AT COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY - The monthly Senior Day program takes place on Tuesday, December 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Myrtlewood Room at the library. This month's feature film is "Mount Rainier and Olympic - Great National Parks." The free program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

ANTI-TERRORISM COOPERATION - The Police Department has been in weekly conversations with other law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations, regarding counter terrorism. The Coos Bay Police Department is cooperating fully with the Federal Bureau of Investigations in support of anti-terrorist activities. Police Department staff have received training on cultural diversity and are well aware of the civil rights afforded all of our citizens. The department is committed to safeguarding the rights of all citizens while working to ensure our safety.

POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT - The Police Department is nearing completion of filling three existing vacancies within the department. The next police academy class begins January 14, 2002. Names of the successful applicants will be announced once their appointments have been confirmed. In addition to the full time officers, the department has interviewed applicants for the police reserve program..

POLICE TRAINING UPDATE - Police Department staff have been busy with training updates on a variety of topics. Officers recently attended training sessions dealing with officer safety and survival skills in two separate seminars. Police Department staff have also attended recent seminars and briefings relating to potential terrorist activities.

CITIZENS APPOINTED TO THE HISTORICAL DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE - On Tuesday evening, the City Council appointed the following people to the newly created committee: Andrew Locati, Hilary Baker, Bill Blumberg, Steve Miller, Gloria Osten, Wayne Osten and Robert Sasanoff. The committee will act as an advisory body to the Council, Planning Commission, staff and applicants who need to comply with newly enacted design review standards in the Empire area along Newmark Avenue and the N. Front Street area. The committee may also prepare and recommend to the Council from time to time changes in architectural design review which it deems in the best interests of the City. Congratulations to the new committee members and thanks from the City of Coos Bay for volunteering your time and expertise to serve on this committee.

RAINY DAYS - Due to the aging condition of the wastewater lines beneath the city, a significant increase in the amount of flow treated by the City of Coos Bay's Wastewater Treatment Plants occurs as the season becomes wetter. The first fall storms resulted in the arrival of two million additional gallons per day at the Treatment Plant. Although the majority of this increase is due to leaking lines which allow ground water to enter the sanitary sewer system, additional water also enters the system illegally through connected roof drains. Runoff from roof tops is to be directed toward ditches, catch basins, or gutters, where it enters the storm water system and eventually reaches the bay. You can help the City's overtaxed system by checking to see if your roof drains are correctly directed to the storm system and not connected to your home's sanitary sewer system. Thank you.

OREGON MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS - OCMA will present the production of Handel's Messiah Saturday, December 8th at 7:30 .m. and Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the new performing arts cents at Southwestern College. The performances will be directed by Christian Rosman, Chairman of the Southwestern Department of Music. Tickets are \$6.00 and are available at AYA Copy Center [756-8889] and at the college bookstore. For more information contact OCMA at 267-0938. The performance is sponsored by Southwestern's Arts and Lecture Committee and Farr's Hardware. The City of Coos Bay is a financial sponsor through the City's community grant program.