



The Friday Update

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EMPIRE WATERFRONT PLANNING APPROVED - The Urban Renewal Agency considered how to move forward with plans for the Empire Waterfront properties at its meeting Tuesday night and approved staff's recommendation to hire a team of individuals headed by Alpha Engineering, Inc. to assist the community. The Empire Waterfront properties include the three pieces purchased in the last year by the Agency—two along Empire Blvd., and the Crowley property on the Empire waterfront next to the Empire Boat Ramp. The team of individuals will consist of a landscape architect, architect, civil engineer and market analyst. The group will lead the community through three days of input and consideration of the various options for the properties and develop a conceptual site plan with rough construction cost estimates. A date has not yet been finalized, but it is hoped that the meetings will be scheduled for early April.

SCHONEMAN AND NEWMARK PUBLIC MEETING RESCHEDULED - The town hall meeting was canceled because of the recent storm and power outage has been rescheduled for **March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Middle School Commons**. The meeting will review actions taken by the city in response to pedestrian safety concerns at Schoneman and Newmark. Representatives from the Police Department, Department of Community Services and the City Manager will be available to talk with citizens and answer questions.

THE PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC – The Portland Youth Philharmonic Conservatory Orchestra, with Conductor Cindy H. Petty, will present a concert on Saturday, March 9th at Southwestern Oregon Community College Performing Arts Center from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The program includes Mozart's Overture to *The Magic Flute*; Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnole*, Franz von Suppe's Overture to *Poet and Peasant* and other works by Tchaikovsky, Morton Gould and Ron Nelson. Ticket are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for OCMA members, and \$5 for students, and are available at the AYA coy Center, 2293 Broadway, North Bend, the Southwestern Oregon Community College Bookstore, and at the door the afternoon of the performance.

The Conservatory Orchestra performs unabridged masterpieces by great composers at a highly proficient level, and members of the orchestra are well advanced in their own instrumental performance. Membership in the Portland Youth Philharmonic demands a commitment to an intensive schedule of rehearsals and the performance of a repertoire that parallels that of major professional orchestras.

The Portland Youth Philharmonic, established in 1924 and now in its 78th year, is the country's first youth orchestra. The Association supports two full symphony orchestras including the "Philharmonic Orchestra" and the "Conservatory Orchestra" as well as the "Young String Ensemble" for younger musicians. Musicians range in age from 7 to 23 and are accepted on a competitive basis throughout Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington state. This concert is made possible by individual contributions and corporate sponsors including the Oregon Coast Music Association and Umpqua Bank. OCMA also receives grant funds from the City of Coos Bay.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES NEW DEFIBRILATORS - The Fire Department would like to say a big thank you to the American Red Cross South Coast Service Center for procuring a grant through the Ford Foundation that has allowed the fire Department to purchase three new Lifepack 300 Automatic Heart Defibrilators. These new defibrilators will replace older units that are currently being used. The amount of the grant enabled the department to use the money budgeted to purchase one new defibrillator to actually purchase three. Thank you Red Cross we appreciate all you do!

THE CITY AT YOUR SERVICE - Community Services staff had the opportunity this week to meet with area Webelo Scouts to work through some survey related badge requirements at the new Engine No. 104 site on Bayshore. The exchange of information was enjoyed by staff and scouts alike. Often, the use of public supported services and personnel is overlooked as an available source of information. Private citizens, groups, and service organizations are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable resource. Listings for the various city departments can be found in the local telephone directory.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE? - The business license renewal season is well underway. The 2002 business licenses were to be renewed by January 31st in order to avoid the 10% monthly penalty. To date, 1,010 businesses have renewed their licenses and the remaining 398 delinquent businesses will be receiving a reminder this next week. After March 1st there is another 10% penalty added on. Business licenses can be mailed in or dropped by City Hall between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Give us a call at 269-8918 to help you calculate your correct fee.

APPEAL WITHDRAWN - The city has been notified by Steve Wilgers, attorney for Louis and Kathy Leberti, that his clients have withdrawn their appeal of the Site Plan and Architectural Review for the Bay Area Rescue Mission. The Plan was approved by the Planning Commission on December 11, 2001 for the building at 1999 N. Seventh Street which was previously the site of Munnell & Sherrill, Inc.

REGIONAL HOUSING REHAB CENTER MOVES FORWARD - Representatives from Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers, Bandon, Coos County and Gold Beach met with Umpqua Community Development Corporation staff last week to move forward the development of the Regional Housing Center. The Regional Center, currently named the Southern Oregon Coast Housing Opportunities Provider (SOC-HOP) will assist south coast communities in accessing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for housing rehabilitation programs for low to moderate income home owners. A regional program is required to access the CDBG funds. In the next few weeks, city councils and county commissions will be asked to approve memorandums of understanding to join the regional entity. Representatives of the members will finalize the programs that will be offered, what the rules will be, and who the first applicants on the south coast will be. It is hoped that two applications from SOC-HOP will be funded, bringing more than \$600,000 to the south coast for housing rehabilitation. Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs attended the development meeting this last week. You can contact her at 269-8918 if you have questions about the movement towards housing rehabilitation on the south coast.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED - The City Council appointed citizens to fill three openings Budget Committee at their regular meeting this week. Re-appointed to a three-year term was Jon Eck, newly appointed to a three-year term was Richard Rudder, and appointed to fulfill an unexpired term was Rick Kinen. Our volunteers are an important resource for our city and fulfill many needs in the community. The City Council extends their appreciation to all who applied for the Budget Committee and to all our citizens who volunteer.