



# The Friday Update

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**POLICE CONDUCT "CRITICAL SKILLS" TRAINING** - The police department has just completed a week of critical skills training. This year was the second annual training session for the intensive week-long training. Trained instructors from Coos Bay presented "real life" training scenarios for officers from Coos Bay, North Bend, Coos County Sheriff's Office, and the Coquille Tribal Police Department. The training incorporated decision making, firearms, defense tactics, pursuit driving, and felony car stops in a variety of scenarios designed to sharpen the officers skills in these critical areas. Coos Bay has been credited as the only police department in Oregon to conduct the intensive full range of critical skills training where all aspects are blended into real life scenarios.

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY PUBLIC MEETING** - The Department of Geology will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the council chambers at city hall for the purpose of distributing the new Tsunami maps for the Bay Area. For more information contact Lou Clark at 503-807-8344.

**NEW FACES ON THE CITY COUNCIL** - New, but not unfamiliar to city government, Roger Gould and Jon Eck were appointed to the City Council at the June 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Both currently serve on the City's Budget Committee and expressed interest in the vacancy left by Don Spangler's resignation. Roger Gould was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term by a five-one vote. During the council comments portion of the meeting, Councilor Judy Weeks announced her resignation effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. The City Council appointed Jon Eck by a unanimous vote to fill the new opening. Councilor Weeks' term would have ended November 2004 and in accordance to the City Charter, Mr. Eck will serve through November 2002. The November ballot will have four council positions to be voted on. Of the four candidates receiving the majority votes, the one with the lowest number of votes will serve a two-year term.

**WHAT'S UP FOR SUMMER** - Get ready, the first day of summer is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Whether you wish to participate or be a spectator, consider attending **Myrtle Point's first skateboarding competition**, Bull of the Bowl, being held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. For information contact the city manager's office at 572-2626. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with competition beginning at 10 a.m.

**Summer swimming** hours at Mingus Pool began last week. Public swim admission is \$2 per visit or a variety of passes are available. Two-week Red Cross and Tiny Tots swimming lessons are available during June, July and August, as well as private lessons. The pool is also available for rent for birthdays, church groups, club parties or family reunions. Contact 267-1360 for more information or for a complete schedule of pool hours. Office hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mark you calendar for the annual **July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Mingus Park** from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fireworks over the bay will be at dusk. There will be activities, entertainment and refreshments throughout the park area. The day begins with the children's run at 10 a.m. and the Mayor's Firecracker Run at 10:30 a.m.

The **Oregon Coast Music Festival** will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. There's something for everyone so come on out and enjoy good company and beautiful music. Tickets for all events are available for AYA Copy Center, 2293 Broadway, North Bend or 756-8889. Visit the music association at [www.coosnet.com/music](http://www.coosnet.com/music)

Coos Bay Library **Summer Reading Program** begins June 24<sup>th</sup> and runs to August 7<sup>th</sup> with free activities for children ages preschool through high school. The program is in conjunction with the Oregon statewide summer reading program that is made possible in part by Oregon Library Association, as well as with local sponsorship by Friends of the Library. This year's theme is "*Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading!*". Drop by the library for special programs, books, movies, music – everything you need to help make your summer great.

**CONGRATULATIONS MARILYN HALVOR!!** - Its true, its official, long-time Library employee Marilyn Halvor is retiring July 1<sup>st</sup>. Marilyn has been employed by the library since 1985 as office manager. A retirement party will be held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Puerto Vallarta. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement!

**CITY ATTORNEY MOVING UP AND OUT** - At the City Council meeting this week City Attorney Randall Tosh gave his farewell comments to the City Council and community. Before continuing to the next agenda item, Mayor Benetti presented Randall with a Myrtlewood plaque in appreciation for his service to the City of Coos Bay. Randall has been with the City since 1995 and has worked closely with the City Council and staff on everything from ordinances to contract agreements to urban renewal plans. You could say his fingerprints are all over city hall! The City Council and staff will say their farewells at a luncheon next Friday. Nathan McClintock has been hired as interim city attorney effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Good Luck Randall on your new home and job!

**MARSHFIELD STREET OVERLAY AWARDED** - The Coos Bay City Council awarded the Marshfield Street Overlay Project to Bracelin and Yeager, Inc. of Coos Bay during the meeting on June 18, 2002. The overlay includes South 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Ferguson to Ingersoll, South 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Ingersoll to Lockhart and Johnson Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Currently JBS Construction is replacing a sewer line on South 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Ingersoll to approximately 450 feet to the north. That project should be completed by the middle of next week, providing no problems arise during construction. The street is closed to through traffic, but local traffic and emergency vehicles do have access during construction and at night.

The overlay project is scheduled to begin next month with exact time lines unknown at this time. Once time lines are know and construction approaches the residents in the areas will be notified by hand delivered notices and through the Friday Update. The City will be partnering in this project with B&Y and will be doing some dig-out and catch basin placement prior to the actual construction by B&Y. The project will be completed before school starts in the fall.

**CENTRAL AVENUE GETS A FRESH LOOK** - The women of Laureate Xi of Beta Sigma Phi weeded and cleaned the planters along Central Avenue from Broadway to 4<sup>th</sup> Street earlier this month and will be planting flowers using the same theme as was done in other location around town. Sharan Thompson of Threads That Bind has been heading up the project. Rex Miller of Agri Tech donated additional dirt for the planters. The City will purchase the plants from local vendors. Ms. Thompson has been working with the abutting business owners to help water and maintain the planters in front of their particular business. If your area of town could use sprucing up, consider working with your neighbors and the city to come up with creative solutions like this.

**CITY HALL GETS HEATING & COOLING UPGRADE** - Coos Bay City Hall upgrading of the heating and cooling units started this past week. Three small units will be replaced with new energy efficient heat pumps that serve the Police Department, Finance Department, and Council Chambers. The City will also be upgrading and re-commissioning the two larger multi-zone units that serve the remainder of the building. An energy analysis was conducted by Hatten/Johnson Associates, of Eugene, in October 2001 to determine the heating and cooling system requirements and upgrades. The energy analysis was paid for by Pacific Power through their Energy FinAnswer Commercial Program. The successful bidder on the upgrade project was Coquille Sheet Metal at a cost of approximately \$41,000 with over \$19,000 coming from Pacific Power for power saving incentives. Once the project is completed it is estimated that approximately \$6,000 in energy costs and over 170,000 kilowatts will be saved each year with additional estimated saving of \$1,500 in maintenance costs. Simple payback is estimated at about 3.5 years.