



The Friday Update

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BAY AREA CHAMBER IBO PROGRAM – The IBO program for next week will be lunch with the North Bend Mayor and City Council. They will report on the projects and opportunities in North Bend. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and to get to know the Mayor and Council. The program will be held in the Cook Shack Room at The Mill Casino Hotel. Cost is \$8.75 for members and \$10 for non-members. RSVP a cdavis@uci.net or 266-0215. Upcoming programs include Sept. 25th – ORCA update with Karl Kennedy of CEDCO, Oct. 2nd – North Bend Airport District, Oct. 9th – SCINT District, Oct. 16th – Measure 23, Universal Healthcare, Oct. 23rd – Candidates Forum Coos Bay and North Bend Mayor and Council positions, and Oct. 30th – Candidates Forum Coos County Commissioners and Sheriff positions.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN – The Fire Department is actively recruiting volunteer firefighters. Next Thursday evening, September 19th, the department will host an open house for those interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer firefighter. Scheduled events include static displays of fire and rescue equipment with staff answering questions, demonstrations and “hands on” activities. Additionally, the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association will barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs for those who attend. Activities will begin at 6:00 pm at Station 1, 150 South 4th Street, Coos Bay.

9-11 REMEMBRANCE AT MINGUS PARK – The Fire Department would like to thank those who attended the “9-11 Remembrance” ceremony at Mingus Park on Wednesday evening. Over 1000 people joined the Firefighters and Police Officers from our community in paying tribute to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Luminaries for the 407 rescuers who died lined the pond in a dramatic display of the magnitude of the tragedy. The theme for the anniversary was “Remembrance, Honor and Hope”.

WAL-MART EMPLOYEES DONATE TO FIRE SERVICE – In a brief ceremony, the Associates of Wal-Mart in Coos Bay presented a gift of \$300 to each of the local Fire Departments. The employees of Wal-Mart wanted to honor the local emergency services by donating funds to be used for training or fire prevention. In addition to Coos Bay and North Bend, funds were given to Charleston, Lakeside, Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bridge. The anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attack made for an appropriate occasion for this gift presentation.

OFFICERS ATTEND FORENSIC ACADEMY – Six Coos Bay Police Officers attended the Oregon Regional Forensic Academy in Coos Bay this week. The forty-hour course was instructed by the Oregon State Police in light of the Oregon State Police Crime Laboratory closure in Coos Bay. Local police officers were provided additional skill in physical evidence processing for latent prints, forensic biology, basic photography, firearms and tool marks, and trace evidence. The instruction included proper identification, documentation, collection and submission of physical evidence. In addition, each student was provided the opportunity to process mock crime scenes to apply the skills acquired in the classroom. Evidence collections kits were also provided for each officer to use in future crime scene processing.

OREGON POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN COOS BAY – The Oregon Police Canine Association will be holding their fall conference in Coos Bay next week. As of this week seventy canine teams have signed up for the conference co-hosted by Coos Bay and North Bend Police Departments. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the association.

SEPTEMBER 11TH EVENTS SUMMARY – Staff from the City of Coos Bay attended several events in the Coos Bay - North Bend area in remembrance of the September 11th attacks on our Nation. Starting in the morning the City had representatives at the South Coast Chorale “Rolling Requiem” on the Boardwalk in Coos Bay. Also that morning representatives from the police and fire department attended a remembrance service at Kingsview Christian School in North Bend. At noon the city was well represented again on the boardwalk for “A Season of Hope.” The day was culminated by a celebration of “Remembrance, Honor, and Hope” on the stage at Mingus Park in Coos Bay. Rick Stevens from KYTT radio in Coos Bay was the Master of Ceremonies for the event which included the South Coast Lab Band, readings, patriotic sing-a-long, and culminated by a “walk of remembrance” in which the more than 1,200 people in attendance we invited to walk around the lake to view the 407 luminaries representing the police officers and fire

fighters who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attack on our Nation. The luminaries were decorated by the children at the Boys and Girls Club in Coos Bay.

CYPRESS DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - The Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board will be replacing 150 feet of an existing 2-inch diameter water main with a new water main in Cypress Drive. The existing main is galvanized iron that has developed several leaks over the past few years and is at the end of its useful life. The work will start September 11th and will take about five working days to complete. The crew will work during the week from about 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.. There will be some short delays for traffic entering and exiting Cypress Drive. The homes on either side of the work area will experience a short water outage near the end of the project. The outages will happen as the crew connects the new water main to the existing main at Oakway Drive, and as each house water service line is changed from the old main to the new main. The duration of each outage will be about one hour.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 - What road improvements are needed in our community? Where are the traffic problems or unsafe conditions? The cities of Coos Bay and North Bend are starting the planning process for Transportation Plans for their communities which must address current problems and future needs for roads, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus service, etc. On **Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 7 p.m., Eden Hall 1, SWOCC**, there will be a public meeting for the purpose of getting input from our citizens on transportation needs and suggested improvements for the bay area. Please plan on attending; we hope to have a great turnout with lots of input.

MINGUS PARK SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTS - The softball field lights and poles at Mingus Park were replaced this week with new lights on new steel poles. The old wooden poles were leaning, almost 30 years old and in need of being replaced. This project was partially funded by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The new steel poles were placed over a 20-foot concrete column of which fourteen feet was placed in the ground with additional concrete poured for base support. The column is made of 10,000 lbs. prestressed concrete which virtually prevents them from snapping in any type of wind. The new poles and lights are made by MUSCO Lighting, one of the largest lighting companies in the country. The company has 115 semi trucks delivering lights and poles all over the United States year round. Most recently they supplied the new lights at Autzen Field in Eugene and the football field in Bandon. Big thanks to the Bay Area Softball Association for their support in delaying some of their games for a couple of weeks in order to get the work completed!

CITY MANAGER SPEAKS TO ISSUES ON NEW NW BROADCASTERS THIS WEEKEND – City Manager Bill Grile is interviewed by New NW Broadcaster's John Pundt this weekend on the company's four local radio stations. The interview airs Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. on KBBR (1340 AM), and then again Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. on KOOS (94.9 FM), KACW (107.3 FM) and KHSN (1230 AM). Topics covered include Coos Bay's budget challenges and partnerships being built with other local and state school and government entities.

CONGRATULATIONS ROD SCHWEITZ! -- A sharp salute from the whole community is in order for Officer Rod Schweitz, Coos Bay Police Department. Friday the 13th is good fortune for Officer Schweitz as it marks his 25th anniversary with the City of Coos Bay! "Rod's work on and off duty is well known and respected in the community," said city manager Bill Grile this morning. "We value his dedication and commitment for an outstanding career," he added. Thanks Officer Schweitz!