



The Friday Update

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FUN FESTIVAL WEEKEND – Be sure to mark your calendar for as attending the annual Fun Festival celebration this weekend in downtown Coos Bay. This year's festival theme is "Celebrate Red, White & Blue in 2002". The festival includes a downtown Mall Market and food booths, boardwalk and waterfront activities, a festival parade at 1 p.m., and entertainment on two stages. The 23rd annual PRE-Prefontaine Memorial 10K run and 2K walk will be held on Saturday with registration at 9 a.m. and the race at 10 a.m. Waterfront events will be held at the city dock and include harbor cruises, water rescue demonstrations by the US Coast Guard, and the paddle craft water fight. The 11th annual Cruz the Coos rolling car show runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Thank you to the hardworking volunteers who make the festival possible every year!

WELCOME MAYOR MILTON KANSIL, CITY OF BITUNG, INDONESIA -- Mayor (ie., "Walikota") Milton Kansil will be here with a team from Bitung, North Sulawesi, this weekend and will be riding in the Fun Festival Parade with Mayor Benetti. Events are scheduled next week that will include the Port, City, College and Coast Guard. Accompanying Mayor Kansil are his wife, finance and public works directors.

The visit is a continuance of the technical exchange program funded by the State Department's U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through a grant to the International City-County Management Association. Coos Bay and Bitung one of nine USA / Indonesian partnerships that brings cities from different corners of the globe together to examine "best management practices" and seek ways to improve democratic approaches to governance. United States Ambassador to Indonesia, Ralph L. Boyce, recently commented, *"These partnerships have not only brought city officials closer together, they have brought communities together. In doing so, the participants have learned that communities' similarities far outweigh their differences. Communities everywhere want better schools, cleaner streets, and more prosperous families."*

The Resource Cities program is one part of USAID's efforts to support Indonesia's decentralization process, which also includes assistance to help local governments develop effective budgets, provide high quality services, and work effectively with local citizen groups. "Local governments across Indonesia are asking themselves, 'How can we best improve the quality of life of our communities?'" Perhaps this Resource Cities partnership has some of the answers," suggested Ambassador Boyce. ICMA is a professional association of local government executives and urban experts with more than 8,500 members worldwide. In Indonesia, eight cities and three associations of local government executives are part of the Resource Cities program. USAID is the U. S. Government agency responsible for worldwide humanitarian and development assistance.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED – The City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 26, 2002** at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. The purpose of the meeting is to take public input on holding an emergency election for a public safety operating levy. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Written comments may be submitted to the city manager's office prior to the meeting.

OREGON POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE – The Oregon Police Canine Association's fall conference held in Coos Bay earlier this week was a huge success. The annual conference featured training and certification of police canines and handlers. Canine teams from all around Oregon enjoyed the south coast. Outgoing president, Ray Turney from the Portland Police Bureau attended Tuesday evening's city council meeting to give a short report on the association and the training conference. Coos Bay's canine handlers attended the training conference and Officer Rodger Craddock was certified as an instructor.

POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS SERVICE – Coos Bay Police Sergeant, David Main and

Detective Larry Mauer were recognized at last Tuesday's City Council meeting for 30 years of dedicated service to the community. Sergeant Main and Detective Mauer were both hired at the Coos Bay Police Department on April 1, 1972. Both have been exemplary in both their personal and professional lives. Coos Bay is fortunate to have police officers like Sergeant Main and Detective Mauer!

DEPUTY MORRIS TAYLOR – Memorial services will be held Saturday, September 21, 2002 in Roseburg for Douglas County Deputy, Morris Taylor. Taylor was killed in the line of duty last weekend in Curtin. Deputy Taylor's first law enforcement job in Oregon was in Coos Bay in 1993. Morris and Margaret had many friends at the Coos Bay Police Department. Morris was a man of integrity and he will certainly be missed by the community he served and by all his fellow law enforcement officers. The tragedy last weekend underscores the unknown dangers facing the police on each and every call. Our prayers go out to Margaret and family members in this time of need.

FORENSIC ACADEMY – Six Coos Bay Police Officers attended the Oregon Regional Forensic Academy in Coos Bay this week. The Oregon State Police in light of the crime laboratory closure in Coos Bay instructed 40 hours course. 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.

BAY AREA CHAMBER IBO PROGRAM – 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. The programs are 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.

CITY OF COOS BAY RECOGNIZES KAREN TURNER WITH 15 YEARS OF SERVICE – Engineering Services Coordinator Karen Turner celebrates 15 years of public service this month with the City of Coos Bay. Karen Turner has worked in the Engineering Division since the beginning of her employment with the City and has amassed a vast amount of knowledge in the inter-workings of the City's infrastructure. This knowledge has served the citizenry well in being able to provide immediate and professional assistance in routine as well as emergency situations. Congratulations and THANK YOU Karen!

MINGUS PARK SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTS – The softball field lights and poles at Mingus Park were replaced this week with new lights on 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. A 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!

E.D. HOVEE CONSOLIDATION BUDGET PROJECT – Work is progressing on a project under contract with reputable fiscal consultant E.D. Hovee and Company to review the financial issues associated with the proposed consolidation of Coos Bay and North Bend. Much has been written and discussed about this issue, and the Hovee report is expected to clarify many contested points. A target completion date for the report is early October, with a draft deliver in less than two weeks.

COOS BAY-NORTH BEND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES – North Bend Building Official Will Campo will be recuperating from surgery for a couple months and during this time Coos Bay building official Joe McClay will

be covering for Mr. Campo under a shared services agreement that will come before the North Bend City Council at its next meeting. In the mean time, Joe will be covering North Bend under a reciprocal hand-shake agreement that we've used for some time. "We appreciate the support North Bend has given Coos Bay in backing up our building official during vacations and illnesses," said City Manager Bill Grile. "We're pleased to extend this extra cooperation during North Bend's time of special need," he added.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL – Tuesday night City Manager Bill Grile advised the City Council that department heads favor adoption of an administrative directive requiring all emergency call-back staff to abide by the provisions of the Coos Bay Police Officers' collective bargaining agreement and reside within 35 miles of the city limits or within 10 air miles (ie., as the crow flies) for personnel taking a city vehicle home. Current emergency response employees would be grandfathered, but could not move outside these areas if they reside within them at present, under the new policy. Grile indicated he plans to have some discussion about this with the Coos Bay Firefighters Association and AFSCME folks before adopting the directive. The Council agreed this was a constructive way to approach a concern brought forward a few weeks ago by city council candidate Bob Miles.

NEW CITY HALL HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AS OF THIS MORNING – The new public hours that City Hall is open went into effect this week without complaints, just as predicted. Staff is taking advantage of the first two hours every morning to keep up with projects and a growing workload. City Hall is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

