



The Friday Update

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SENATOR RON WYDEN TOWN HALL – Senator Ron Wyden has scheduled a town hall meeting in Coos Bay on Saturday, February 13th. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to meet with the Senator and share their concerns and ideas.

BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM – The Chamber's Forum for February will feature The State of Our Cities addresses from guest speakers Coos Bay Mayor Joanne Verger and North Bend Mayor Lee Golder. The forum will be held at the Red Lion Inn on February 17th at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215.

1998 FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS STATS – The Fire Department conducted a total of 488 Fire & Life Safety inspections 1998. Of those inspections 195 were on-site inspections of area businesses, schools, churches, apartment buildings and other places of assembly. A total of 292 self-inspections were also received from area businesses. These self-inspections allow businesses in Coos Bay to conduct inspections themselves with the help of a fire department created checklist. The checklist gives the business owner a way to ensure that their business is fire safe. This checklist is then mailed in to the fire department when all items on this list are completed.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY – City Hall offices and the public library will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

FUND RAISING FETE FOR THE OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL – Guitarist and recording artist James Russell Hunley appears in concert Sunday Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the historic U.S. Lifesaving Service BOATHOUSE at Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston. The Boathouse's intimate performance space and dramatic view of the harbor entrance and the ocean creates the perfect backdrop for the artistry of this dynamic guitarist. Mr. Hunley has won rave reviews throughout the western states for his sensitive interpretation and his ability to engage audiences.

The concert will be followed by a buffet dinner of roast Salmon, vegetable stir fry, salad, wild rice pilaf, and accompaniments, served in the banquet hall of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. No-host wine service featuring a selection of Eola Hills fine wines will begin immediately after the concert; dinner will be served at 5:30. Through the generous sponsorship of Wells Fargo Bank, the Oregon Coast Music Association will be able to direct all proceeds from this event toward funding the 1999 Music Festival. OCMA is a volunteer local nonprofit organization. The annual Oregon Coast Music Festival depends upon wintertime fundraisers, memberships, and the support of the business community to survive.

Concert tickets are \$30; \$25 is a tax-deductible contribution in support of the Orchestra. Tickets for both Concert AND Dinner are \$50; \$35 is tax-deductible. Tickets are still available. Call the Oregon Coast Music Association, (541) 267-0938, or call The Box Office (181 S. Central, Coos Bay, next to the Frame Stop), (541) 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563. Visit our website, www.coosnet.com/music for information and a mail-in ticket order form.

CLASSICAL GUITARIST TO MEET WITH STUDENTS – James Russell Hunley will meet with area students Monday, Feb. 22nd. Classical guitarist, recording artist, video producer and television host James Russell Hunley has an abiding enthusiasm for learning. So when the Oregon Coast Music Association engaged him to play a benefit concert on February 21, James asked if he could meet with students the following day to talk about his love of music, his love of learning, and his recognition that, no matter what your field of interest, study is an essential and enriching life-long pursuit.

Mr. Hunley will be meeting students at Sunset Middle School, North Bend Junior High School and Millicoma Middle School in informal sessions, to play music, answer questions and talk about his experience as a student both in school and beyond school. The Oregon Coast Music Association is delighted to offer this educational enrichment to our young people. The generous support of Wells Fargo Bank in sponsoring the fundraising event Feb. 21, and Mr. Hunley's gracious offer to contribute his time for these school visits, gives us an opportunity to present an interesting program and an important message about life-long learning to our students. The Oregon Coast Music Association thanks Wells Fargo Bank and James Russell Hunley for this gift to our community.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY – Company's Coming! The annual Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held in Coos Bay April 11th through 13th. It is estimated that between 350 to 500 people from throughout Oregon will come to the conference. The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has been working to improve the appearance of our area through its Community Enhancement Committee. As you look around you can see many locations look better than they used to.

Saturday, March 6th has been designated Coos County's "Company's Coming" Clean-Up Day. This project will target properties along our "visitor corridors" – primarily Highways 101 and 42 and Cape Arago Highway. Everyone is encouraged to join in this effort to mark our communities attractive to our visitors, not only to those coming to the Governor's Conference on Tourism, but also those who come year-round to enjoy the vacation, recreational and cultural opportunities we have in our area.

If you would like more information about this countywide effort, please call the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215. If you live and work in Myrtle Point, Coquille, Lakeside, Bandon, etc. call your local Chamber of Commerce to learn what they have planned for March 6th. Information courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Bay Area Pride ... Clean it up! Paint it up! Show it off!

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION – Principal Arnie Roblan announced that Marshfield High School received its accreditation rating from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges based on the school's compliance with ten standards of NWASC. Principal Roblan was also pleased to announce that Marshfield High School was selected as one of six schools in Oregon to earn the "Accreditation with Merit" designation. The criteria used was the school met all the standards of accreditation, had a strong school improvement process, and demonstrated significant increases in student performance. Congratulations!

U.S.S. DOLPHIN SCHEDULES COOS BAY VISIT – Coos Bay-North Bend Tourism Promotions Director Beve Saukko reports good news! The USS Dolphin, a navy submarine, will arrive here on September 11th and depart on September 13th. Tours will be given on Sunday, September 12th. Dolphin is a research sub. It is 165 feet in length and gross tonnage is 961. There will be 48 crewmen aboard. This will be a fine experience for the Bay Area. We'll keep you posted as details evolve.

MINGUS PARK STAGE -- The Mingus Park Stage Committee, a blue-ribbon group appointed by the City Council, has made several determinations regarding the permanent stage structure. These recommendations by the Committee will be reviewed by the City Council before any further action is undertaken. The Committee is very enthusiastic about the recommendations they have developed and are looking forward to the Council's consideration of their work. Stay tuned for further information on this high-profile project.

LOCAL CONTRACTORS MEETING – The City's Community Services Department, in cooperation with state building officials, is co-sponsoring a session on permitting and building codes requirements for local area contractors. The session will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Bend Library. The intent of the session is an explanation of permitting requirements and recent changes in state building codes. There will be ample time for questions. Several local contractors and the Homebuilder's Association have helped put this session together – they deserve a lot of credit for their assistance. The session should be a great opportunity for local contractors to speak directly with local and state building officials.