

City of Coos Bay

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PRESS RELEASE

In the continuing effort to improve Coos Bay's downtown pedestrian areas a small group of volunteers will be working on the portion of 2nd Court located between Anderson and Curtis Avenues. Armed with clippers, brooms, trash bags, and graffiti removal cleanser volunteers will clean 2nd Court, the plaza and adjacent parking lot. The city's public works department will handle tree removal and power washing the sidewalk. Volunteers will meet on site at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 22nd. Following work they will meet briefly to discuss their vision of a future project for 2nd Court.

Project volunteers are recent participants in the Your Town Workshop sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Citizen's Institute on Rural Design. The workshop, held October 12th through 14th, focused on enhancing, developing, and restoring downtown areas of our cities. At the end of the 3rd day of the workshop, representatives from each city developed a small project to be completed before December 31st. Workshop participants will meet again in January to report on their projects and continue the discussion of improving our downtown areas.

For more information on the volunteer project contact Joyce Jansen at <u>jjansen@coosbay.org</u> or 541-269-8924 during normal business hours. For additional information about the Your Town Workshop contact Sandy Messerle at <u>sandy@scdcinc.org</u> or 541-266-9753.

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