

City of Coos Bay,
Oregon



The Friday Update

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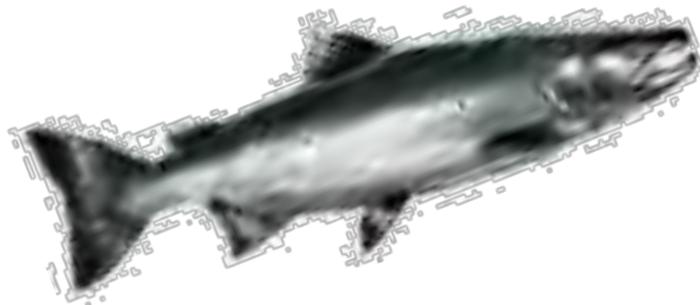


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Blossom Gulch Fish Release Swimming by Soon

May 15th at 9:30 am members from the City of Coos Bay, CH2M, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will team up to release approximately 250,000 juvenile chinook salmon into Blossom Creek. School Children from Blossom Gulch Elementary School will be there to cheer the salmon on as they make their journey out into the Pacific Ocean.

This is an annual event which began in 1998. The program allows the juvenile salmon to live in Blossom Creek where CH2M Hill/OMI staff members feed them several times a day for a few months until they are ready to be released from the creek and eventually make their way out to the bay and the Pacific Ocean. They will wander the Pacific Ocean until they return to spawn in 3 - 4 years averaging 20-40 pounds. This annual event has greatly enhanced the local recreational fishing opportunities, and it provides an excellent outreach to the local school children. There will be over 100 Blossom Gulch elementary school children on hand to witness the release and cheer them on. To date, several million chinook salmon have been released and countless have returned to enhance the bay and local estuary.





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Annual Highway 101 Clean-up Event A Big Success!!!

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Bay Area Brigade cleanup event last weekend. The Brigade volunteers were spotted all along Highway 101 from Bunkerhill to the McCullough Bridge picking up garbage and cleaning up the area in preparation for National Tourism Week. In all more than 50 bags of trash were collected in a few short hours by team members representing North Bend, Marshfield, and SWOCC.

The winner of this year's Hwy 101 Clean-up is..... The Pirates!!!! Looks like the City of Coos Bay will get to hold on to their trophy for at least another year!



A big thank you to the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce who organizes this annual event in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Transportation!



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Southwestern Oregon Fire Camp

Coos Bay Fire Department will take part in the first annual Southwestern Oregon Fire Camp on May 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at North Bend High School. This free event is a joint effort with the North Bend Fire Department, North Bay Fire District, Charleston Fire District, and Southwestern Oregon Community College.



The purpose of the Fire Camp is to bring awareness to area high school students about the availability of internship programs in the Fire Science and emergency medical services that are available locally in the Bay Area. Various stations will be set up to represent daily tasks a first responder may encounter in the field - some of these include: Jaws of Life, fire extinguishers, an obstacle course and an ambulance from Bay Cities Ambulance. Reach Air Ambulance will also be present. Fire Chiefs from the four departments will also be available to discuss benefits of student intern programs available at their respective departments.

Any high school student interested in learning more about a career in the fire service and/or the emergency medical field is highly encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend the informational sessions with the SWOCC Fire Science Director Tony Peters and local Fire Chiefs. Lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending are asked to email their name, age, high school, and phone number to: firescience@socc.edu.



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It's a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships. Coos Bay and North Bend will be one of only a handful of Pacific ports that will host the historic ships. Festival of Sail® Coos Bay / North Bend 2017 promises to be the largest event in the region's history featuring ship tours, day sails, educational programming, food and beverage, entertainment and fun for the entire family!

Go to FESTOFSAIL.COM for tickets or additional information.



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Walls are going UP



Over 8,000 tons of rock have also been placed and compacted for the base of the concrete structures. That would be approximately 800 dump truck loads of rock.



Nice weather has brought nice progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 project. Walls are going up! Crews have been working hard to get all the rebar placed and ready for nice days to have concrete pours.

To date there has been approximately 500 tons of rebar placed. That amount of rebar if taken and laid out on the ground on the side of the road would stretch from Coos Bay to Yachats.

There have also been over 1,700 yards of concrete poured to date. That would be approximately 16,000 wheelbarrow loads of concrete. Luckily, they have pumps that help place the concrete to pour the tall walls.



The walls for the project are very tall. The average height is 15.5 ft. tall. The footprint is 150 feet long by 97 feet wide.

