

City of Coos Bay,  
Oregon



# The Friday Update

January 13, 2017



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## We Truly Live in a Caring Community!

It's been a few weeks since our last Friday Update; in fact, the last update was published on December 16, 2016, just before Christmas. I continue to marvel at how many people in our community come together to help others in time of need, and not only at Christmas but throughout the year. During the inclement weather we have been experiencing, I am thankful for the T.H.E. House and South Gospel Mission who provide shelter and warm meals to those in need; the Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, and no doubt many other organizations which provided holiday food boxes and toys for children. The Nancy Deveraux Center opened its doors this year during the cold weather events and provided a warming center for the members of our homeless community.

We are truly blessed to live in a caring community that reaches out to help each other in times of need and to work together in building a better place to live. I am grateful that City employees involve themselves in helping others as well. This past Christmas, the members of the Coos Bay Police Department partnered with the Bay Area Bible Baptist Church, the Salvation Army, and Walt and Sandy Evans owners of Coos Cycle Supply and founders of the local Bikes for Tykes Chapter to put together food boxes and presents for local families in need in our community. In addition, the City's employees who belong to the AFSCME Union adopted a local family in need for Christmas as well as conducted a small food drive which they donated the proceeds to our local food bank.

City Hall on January 4th



## Coos Bay Visitor's Center Needs Your Help...

The Coos Bay Visitor Information Center is looking for some volunteers. Shifts are as short as four hour shifts a week. The Coos Bay Visitor Center sees over 24,000 visitors a year. Volunteers provide visitors information and directions to local attractions in Coos Bay and our greater community, answer phones, and put together information packets.



If you are interested in helping out, you can stop by and chat with Cheryl Crockett at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center at 50 Central Avenue or call her at 541-269-0215.

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## Southport Donates Wood for Disaster Preparedness

The Fire Department was the recipient of a generous gift last month, and it was just in time for Christmas. In October, several members of the Fire Department and the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) participated in training on post-earthquake damage assessment and urban search and rescue. The class included instructions on how to use cribbing and shoring to make an unstable structure safe enough to allow rescue efforts. Cribbing and shoring uses pieces of lumber to stabilize or support a potential hazard.



One of our volunteer firefighters who attended the class works for Southport Lumber Company in North Bend. After hearing about the class, Southport was willing to donate 90 pieces of lumber valued at about \$450. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, staff received a truck load of 4 x 4 lumber. In the coming weeks, the wood will be cut into 2 foot lengths and some will be cut into wedges. The cribbing will be stored at the three fire stations, and they will be available for training and emergency response. Eventually the Fire Department would like to equip a cargo trailer with these and other rescue tools in order to expedite deployment.



Thank you Southport Lumber Company!

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## Sgt. Lounsbury Named Hero of the Month in December 2016

Farmers Insurance Agent Kim Wesman recently started a program called "Hero of the Month". This is a program where community members can nominate local Police Officers, Fire Personnel, and Teachers who have made a difference in their community. Sergeant Robert Lounsbury was nominated by one of his prior D.A.R.E. students, and he was selected as Farmers Insurance "Hero of the Month" for December. On December 14<sup>th</sup> Kim Wesman presented Sgt. Lounsbury with a donation of \$100.00 to a charity of his choice for being selected as December's "Hero of the Month". Sgt. Lounsbury chose his donation to go to the local Bikes for Tykes program that purchases bicycles and toys for the youth of Coos County at Christmas time. Congratulations Sergeant Lounsbury, and thank you for all you do for our community.



## Check Out What's Playing at the Dolphin Theatre...

BAY AREA MAILING AND THE DOLPHIN PLAYHOUSE THEATRE PRESENTS

# ICE AGE COLLISION COURSE

**FREE SHOWING & POPCORN!**



**ICE AGE COLLISION COURSE**  
Rated PG • 1h 40m

DAY AND TIME: **Saturday, January 14, 2017 • 11am**

PLACE: **The Dolphin Playhouse, 580 Newmark Ave, Empire/Coos Bay**

ADMISSION: **FREE! Including Popcorn!**

This free event is brought to the community by Bay Area Mailing and the Dolphin Playhouse