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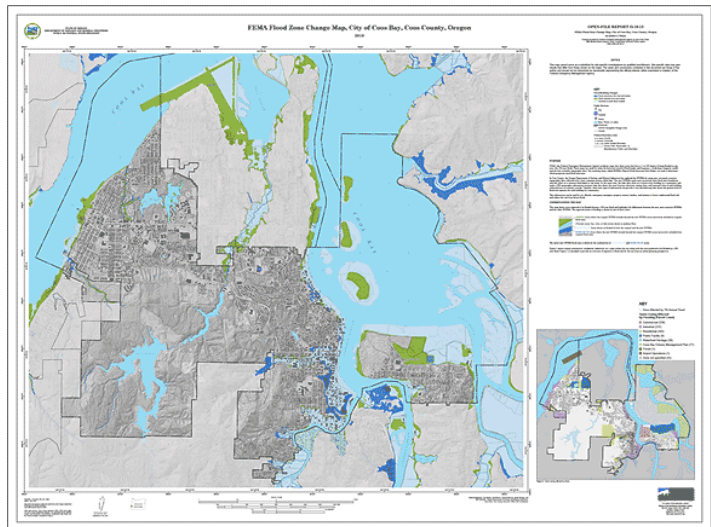
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## Public Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Proposed Changes to FEMA Flood Maps

With more advanced technology and better topographic data, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), has issued preliminary (draft) flood maps for the City of Coos Bay. The areas affected are portions of First Creek, Chickses Creek, and Empire Lakes (all of which are in the Empire District).

FEMA and DLCD will host a public meeting in the afternoon and early evening on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Owens Building, 201 N. Adams St, Coquille, to discuss the draft flood map revisions and what they mean for property owners. The event will last from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm (with formal presentations at 3:15 pm and 5:15 pm). At the event, property owners and residents will have a chance to learn about the flood mapping process and what the changes mean for them. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how these maps will impact their property and community. City staff will also be present to help address questions from the public.



Flooding is the nation's most common and most expensive natural disaster. According to national statistics, homes inside high-risk flood areas have a 26 percent chance of being damaged by flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage, compared with a 9 percent chance of sustaining fire damage. To learn more about federal flood insurance visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

Citizens that have questions regarding the draft flood maps can contact the City's Engineering Technician Jason Vinyard at 541-269-1181 extension 2249. The draft maps can also be viewed at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay.

## Northwest Fitness is Coming to Town

The building at 227 South Broadway, formally known as the Fletcher Building, is getting a major facelift and overhaul in preparation for Northwest Fitness coming to town. The improvements include making the building the first flood-proofed building in Coos Bay. Additionally, a new awning will be installed, the façade stucco and trim work will be repaired or replaced as needed, new paint on the east-facing façade, and the new owner will replace all of the windows and exterior doors.

Over the past ninety years, the building has settled due to insufficient foundation support; and it will be reinforced with strategically placed helical piles. The structural columns that run the length of the building will also be replaced, and the structure of the upper level will be reinforced by an additional pair of parallel beams. The inaccessible restrooms that were on the first floor are being replaced with code compliant unisex restrooms, and the floor is being leveled throughout the main floor. The building's heating, lighting, and electrical service for the building are also being replaced for code compliance and energy efficiency.

Due to budgetary constraints, the second floor of the building is not being prepared for construction. Only structural improvements will be pursued at this time. The existing walls will be demolished, and the existing roof structure will be reinforced with new columns and beams. The total project is projected to cost about \$750,000. and it will be major an improvement to the downtown area.



## Library Schedules Volunteer Fair for February...

The Coos Bay Public Library is very excited to announce their first ever Volunteer Fair. It will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm through 4:00pm. There are several benefits to volunteering in your community – ranging from new skills, new friends, and deeper connections to your neighborhood. Whether you are looking to volunteer once or once a week, you can find an organization to connect with at the Volunteer Fair! This program is made possible with the library's partnership with AmeriCorps.

If you represent an organization looking for volunteers and are interested in staffing a table at the fair, please call Jennifer, our AmeriCorps member, at 541-404-3443.



# The Friday Update

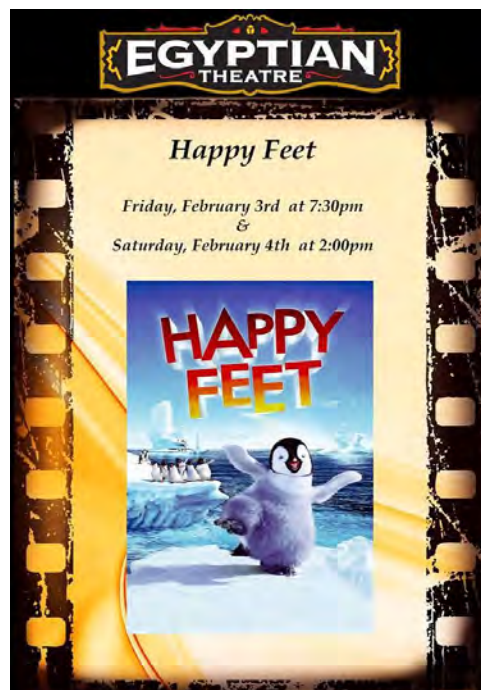
## Proposed mural project honoring Steve Prefontaine

Staff has been involved over the past six months or so working with the Prefontaine Foundation and Linda Prefontaine to put forward a large mural or series of murals to honor Coos Bay's legendary native. These are proposed for the north and east facing walls of the existing Pedway which could be renamed the Pre Way. The murals have potential to be a great tourist attraction for downtown Coos Bay. Two City of Springfield staff graciously came over to Coos Bay in December to look at the location for the murals, to meet Linda, and to offer advice on how to successfully see such a project through. They reflected on their own experience on two downtown Springfield murals, one of The Simpsons and the other of their own native son, author Ken Kesey.

The first priority is to ensure that the City has complete ownership of the walls where the murals would be located. Next, the walls themselves will need to be prepared which includes eliminating roof drainage from above, re-conditioning the integrity of the wall, re-texturing, and finally, producing a smooth surface for the detailed art work. When that is done, a mural team can set about the actual art work which can take between two to four weeks depending on the scope of the project. Linda has suggested an unveiling of the mural(s) in time for the Prefontaine Memorial race in September.

The Springfield staff indicated that the two murals in their downtown created a lot of excitement during their creation and became a daily event as citizens and visitors alike did progress photography and time-lapse imagery. Now, people come from everywhere to see and photograph the finished murals and the The Simpsons have a real hometown!

## Upcoming movies at our community theatres...



Coos Bay City Hall

500 Central Avenue

Coos Bay, OR 97420

[www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org)

Police Department

(541) 269-8911

Fire Department

(541) 269-1191

Library

(541) 269-1101

Community Development Department

(541) 269-8918

or

(541) 269-8924

Public Works Department

(541) 269-8918

Finance Department

(541) 269-8915

City Manager's Office

(541) 269-8912

## Are you interested in serving on the Coos County Tourism Workgroup?

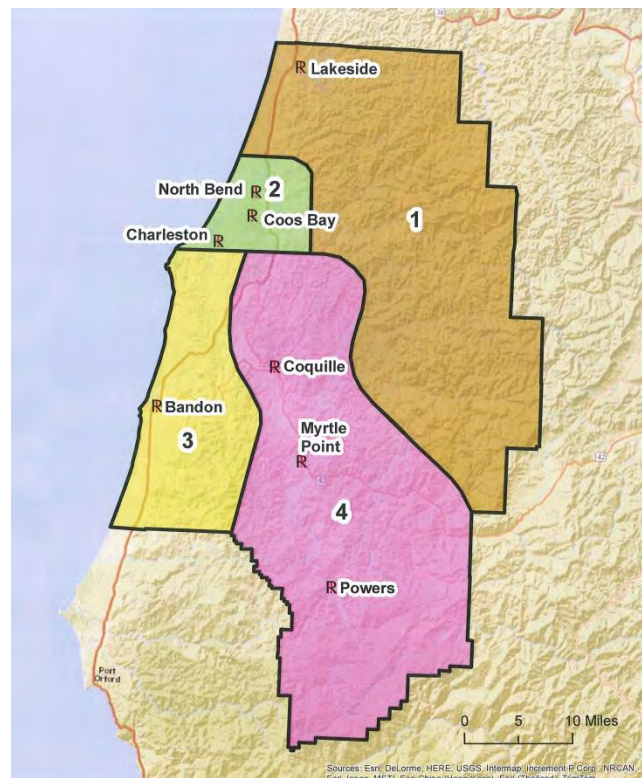
The Coos County Tourism Workgroup, a newly formed non-profit organization formed under a joint agreement between Coos County and Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, is seeking interested citizens wishing to serve on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to govern the Coos County Tourism non-profit and oversee activities aimed at achieving the organizational goal to invest in strengthening tourism in the South Coast's evolving economy. The initial nine-member Board will be appointed by the Coos County Commissioners.

The Board will consist of: one (1) County representative; two (2) Bandon Dunes representatives; four (4) Geographic representatives; and two (2) At Large representatives.

Required qualifications included: experience in the tourism industry; be connected with tourism partners and/or projects in Coos County; be collaborative and regional-minded; be willing and able to put the need of the Coos County first; have enthusiasm and time to fully participate; and abide by a code of conduct approved by the Board

In addition, all Geographic Representative Directors are required to live or work in Coos County.

Persons interested in serving on the board of the Coos County Tourism Workgroup are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Connie Stopher, SCDC Executive Director by email ([connie@scdcinc.org](mailto:connie@scdcinc.org)) prior to **February 22, 2017**. Letters of interest should include the position being sought (at-large or geographic areas) and your qualifications. It is anticipated that applicants will be interviewed on **February 27, 2017**.



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