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## If I Were Mayor, I Would...

Coos Bay students 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, including students who are home schooled, are encouraged to enter the **2016 "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."** student contest sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).

### **Mayor Shoji will select one winner in each category:**

- Poster (Elementary grades 4–5)
- Essay (Middle School grades 6-8)
- Video/PowerPoint (High School grades 9-12)

The local winner in each category will be awarded a \$50 Visa gift card, and they will be recognized at the May 17, 2016 televised City Council meeting. Students should submit their original work with a completed entry form to Jackie Mickelson at Coos Bay City Hall by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2016.**

The [contest rules](#) and [contest entry form](#) can be downloaded here.

Each winner from Coos Bay will be entered into the statewide contest where three students will receive an Apple iPad Air tablet from the OMA. Statewide winners will be notified (along with their Mayor) in mid-June.



The Oregon Department of Transportation awarded the construction contract for the Empire Boulevard improvement project to LaDuke Construction out of Talent, Oregon. The project will extend from Newmark Street southerly to Wisconsin Avenue. The improvement includes the partial realignment of Empire Boulevard, road widening, the addition of bicycle lanes, curb, sidewalk, street lighting, drainage control facilities, a bus stop shelter, and vehicle pull off/parking areas. The contractor is starting to mobilize personnel and equipment for the project. Over the next few weeks, you will start to see pre-construction survey activity, saw cutting of asphalt, some clearing and grubbing, placement of traffic control signage, and commencement of drainage control facilities. The entire project will be completed in October.

## Free Christmas Tree Removal Tomorrow



Members of the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association will be picking up Christmas trees that are located within the City limits of Coos Bay on Saturday, January 9, 2016. **Firefighters ask that you place your tree next to the curb by 8:00 a.m. on January 9<sup>th</sup>.** There is no need to call the Fire Department because firefighters will check all streets located within the City limits starting at 8:00 a.m.

The Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association is asking for a canned food donation for the removal of your tree. Trees will be picked up regardless if a donation is made or not. This year, the canned food donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to families in our area that need assistance.

Some of the collected trees will be used by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for improving stream banks and providing habitat for fish. Other trees will be ground up and recycled as garden mulch.

## You can run, but you can't hide



Officer Tom Lindahl and his K9 partner "Dak" have had a couple of busy days. At about 9:30 pm on January 5<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a burglary alarm call at Cascade Farm and Outdoor Store, and they found evidence that a burglary had occurred. Officer Lindahl and K9 Dak, who were off duty, responded to the store from their home. K9 Dak tracked, located, and took into custody Paul Sparks. In addition, property stolen from the store was recovered.

A few hours later at 6:14 am on January 6<sup>th</sup>, North Bend Police Department received a report of a possible arson and attempted murder. Officers from Coos Bay Police responded to assist. Based on information provided at the scene of the fire, officers knew that the suspect had fled the area on foot. Officer Lindahl and K9 Dak flew into action again by responding to the scene of the crime. K9 Dak tracked the suspect for several blocks and eventually located Todd C. Sanders hiding in heavy brush at the bottom of a very steep ravine at the southernmost dead end of Ash Street.

During the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Sanders had also burglarized a residence in the 3600 block of Ash Street stealing items that would assist him in concealing his identity and assist him in surviving the elements while trying to elude capture. Officer Lindahl and K9 Dak were also able to locate stolen items that were hidden in the heavy brush.

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(541) 269-8915

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(541) 269-8912

## OMSI is coming to Coos Bay

Coos Bay Public Library is hosting two OMSI programs January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Crime Lab for Kindergarten - 5th grade at 2:00 pm and Squid Dissection for 4<sup>th</sup> - 12th grades at 4:00 pm. Registration is required due to limited class size. Call 541-269-1101 to register or for more information. While this is a library sponsored event, it will be held at Coos Bay's Downtown Fire Station.



## Business License Renewal Time

Business License renewals are due annually by the end of January. The Community Development Department mailed renewal notices to all current business license holders in November. Over 60% of the renewals for 2016 were paid and processed by the end of December.

Business licenses regulate businesses and provide revenue to help pay for their municipal services. Any entity conducting business in Coos Bay is required to have a current business license. This includes retail and service companies, owners of rental property, restaurants, independent consultants, taxi drivers, seasonal and transient businesses, contractors, and non-profits.

License fees are based on the type of business, then by number of employees for retail and service businesses, or by number of units for property rentals. The fee schedule is outlined in Resolution 13-01 listed on the back of the Business License Application Form. It is also available on the City's web site at <http://www.coosbay.org/BusinessLicense>. Late fees are an additional 10% per month for payments not received by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please call the Community Development Department if you have any questions concerning the business license program at 541-269-8918.

## The life you save could be yours

Unfortunately, texting while driving is a growing trend. It's a national epidemic quickly becoming one of the country's top killers. Those that text and drive assume they can do both at the same time safely, but the numbers don't lie.



Texting While Driving Causes:

- 1,600,000 accidents per year – National Safety Council
- 330,000 injuries per year – Harvard Center for Risk Analysis Study
- 11 teen deaths EVERY DAY – Ins. Institute for Hwy Safety Fatality Facts
- Nearly 25% of ALL car accidents

Texting While Driving Is:

- About six times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated
- The same as driving after four beers (National Hwy Transportation Safety Admin.)
- The number one driving distraction reported by teen drivers

Texting While Driving:

- Makes you 23X more likely to crash (National Hwy Transportation Safety Admin.)
- Is the same as driving blind for 5 seconds at a time (VA. Tech Transportation Inst.)
- Takes place by 800,000 drivers at any given time across the country