

City of Coos Bay,
Oregon



The Friday Update

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An explosive time at City Hall...



On Tuesday of this week, a man walked into the lobby of the Police Department. The man was obviously in mental distress, and claiming he had found what appeared to be a hand grenade or some sort of explosive device. He told officers that he didn't know what to do with it, so he thought he would bring it to the police.

Officers soon discovered that the man had transported it to City Hall in the back of his pickup truck which he had conveniently parked right in front of the building. Officers learned the suspicious device had been put in a red wooden box which was now located in the bed of the truck. Officers couldn't see inside the box without moving it and thus couldn't make a visual determination whether the device was an actual explosive or not. As such, the Oregon State Police Bomb Squad was called in to help.

Given the possibility that a live explosive device was parked outside City Hall, precautions were taken which included evacuating the front half of City Hall, notifying all of the adjacent businesses, and setting up a perimeter around the potential blast zone. The OSP Bomb Techs were able to determine that there was an item in the shape of a grenade in the box with the help of their mobile x-ray equipment. They were later able to determine that the device was an inert training grenade.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time that someone has brought in a suspected explosive device - some of which were real! If you find something you suspect to be an explosive device, don't touch it, don't move it, and please don't bring it to City Hall. The best course of action is to advise anyone in the area to leave, and report the nature and location of the device to your local Police or Fire Department personnel. They will then be able to determine if the package or device is a danger to the public, and they will deal with it accordingly.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Coos Bay Public Library Foundation's 4th Annual Adult Spelling Bee is just around the corner. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 7pm at the Black Market Gourmet.

For more information go to the [Library's website](#).



Tsunami Preparedness

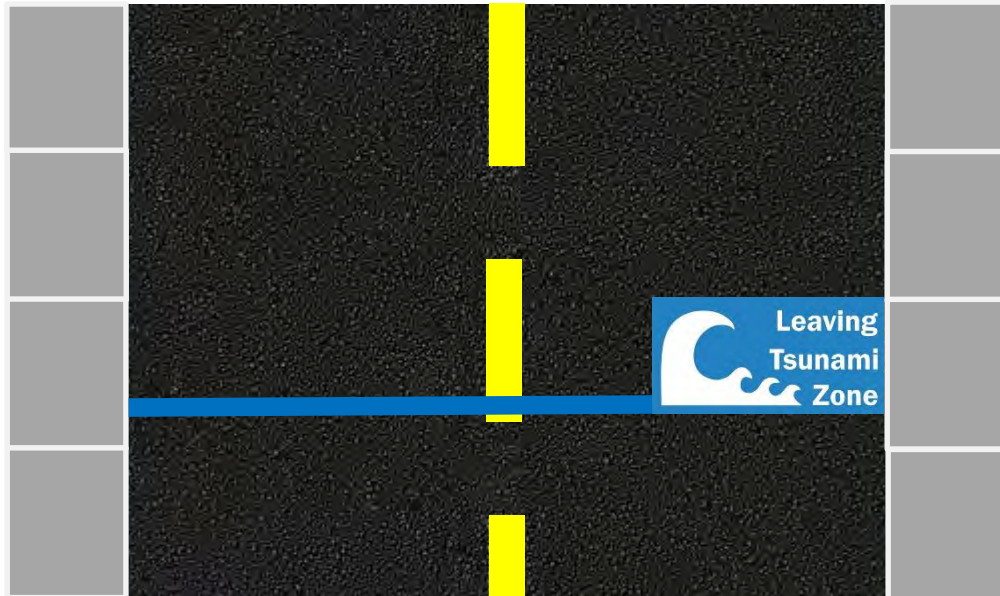
Tsunami Evacuation Drill

The City of Coos Bay in preparation for a Tsunami Evacuation drill scheduled for March is ramping up the awareness effort. March 11th is the 5th anniversary of the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck the northeast Japanese coastline. Several Coastal communities in Oregon will be participating in this evacuation drill or “Tsunami Walk Out”.



Oregon’s Tsunami Blue Line Project

Coos Bay, along with the communities of Florence, Reedsport, and Gold Beach, are partnering with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to improve tsunami evacuation wayfinding by adopting a tsunami “Blue Line” project. OEM has provided the City with signage that City staff will install along evacuation routes. These painted blue lines and bright signs will be at the line marking the evacuation zone.



While the inundation area is dependent upon the location, size, and timing of the earthquake, the Oregon Department of **Geology and Mineral Industries** have determined that the area uphill of these lines are safe. The six evacuation routes that will be getting these signs are Newmark Avenue, South Cammann Street, Coos Bay Boulevard., Central Avenue, Hall Street, and 6th Avenue.

The City has also added information on Earthquake and Tsunami readiness to the City’s website ([Tsunami Readiness](#))

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An old underutilized building to get new life!



The building located at 333 S. 4th Street (pictured here and next to Outdoor-In) has a new owner Bristol Properties LLC who is in the process of remodeling the building to be the future home of HGE Inc. HGE is a local professional firm which provides architectural, engineering, surveying and planning services. The building a partial two-story structure was constructed in the late 1950's as a sales office and garage for a car dealership. The structure was later used by the Oregon State Police, but it has been vacant for over ten years.



Contractors are busy remodeling the inside and putting a new roof on the building.

The Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency approved a façade grant in the amount of \$25,000 this past Tuesday to Bristol Properties, LLC for needed façade improvements.



The project includes the replacement of doors and windows, new exterior lighting, repairing the stucco and rock veneer on the building, and repairing and painting the wood siding. The color scheme for the building includes a variety of gray colors for the stucco walls, trim, and gutters with white as an accent color for the beams.

The overall project associated with this façade grant has a value of \$51,800.00. This will be a great improvement to the area and the whole downtown.