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## Tsunami Evacuation Drill

Today marks the five year anniversary of the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck the Japanese coastline. The City of Coos Bay will be partnering with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, along with many coastal communities in Oregon, and will be conducting an evacuation drill or "Tsunami Walk Out" this afternoon at 3:00 pm.

This is a voluntary evacuation exercise, but the City asks that the residents, business owners, and visitors in low elevation areas use this opportunity to practice their escape route to a recognized "Assembly Area". The Assembly Areas will be the community's information outlet for those wanting to learn about the extent of damage, how to reconnect with loved ones, where to find food, water or temporary shelter, and what recovery efforts are underway.

Assembly areas in Coos Bay include:

- Madison Elementary School
- Salvation Army Church
- Cranberry Sweets (parking lot)
- CB School District offices (old Milner Crest School)
- Harmony United Methodist Church
- Marshfield High School (East Branch Parking Lot)
- Millicoma Middle School

To find your closest Assembly Area or evacuation route, you can find a map at [www.oregontsunami.org](http://www.oregontsunami.org) or you can get a map at the Coos Bay Fire Station No. 1 at 450 Elrod Avenue.

There will be no reminders or sirens to indicate the start of the drill; but if this were a real emergency, the violent shaking ground would be the most reliable indicator that a tsunami is possible, and it's time to get to high ground. You should time yourself to determine how long it takes to get out of the hazard area. Most experts believe that (depending on conditions) we can expect the first of many tsunami waves to arrive within 20 minutes following a local earthquake. So don't waste any time...Walk Out with us!

For more information, contact Battalion Chief Dan Crutchfield at 541-269-1191



## Scout Cabin Gets New Appliances

The Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160, the sponsors of the Boy Scout Adventure Troop, applied for and received a grant through the Coquille Tribe Community Fund to replace some old and worn out appliances. With the funds they received, the Elks purchased a new range and refrigerator from Bay Appliance and Television.



The Scout Cabin, which is located on the west side of Mingus Park, is used by a number of local scouting groups.

## Longtime Police Volunteer Retires

After 34 plus years of serving the citizens of Coos Bay, Reserve Police Sergeant Darin Porter has decided it is time to hang up his duty belt. Darin first became involved with the Police Department in 1981 when he started as an Explorer Scout. Since that time, he has served under the direction of six different police chiefs in various capacities - Explorer Scout, Reserve Officer, Reserve Sergeant, Reserve Captain as well as a full-time Police Officer.



Darin said he will miss mostly the camaraderie within the Police Department and giving back to the community he grew up in and loves. While he will miss it, he felt it was time to free up some time to enjoy the other pleasures in life like spending time with his family and grandson, which includes fishing and camping with his grandson, as well as pursuing his new found hobby of motorcycle riding.

Over the years, Darin donated thousands of hours to his community, and he will be very much missed by staff and the citizens he served.



## Mark Your Calendars!

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

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

## Report a Problem Streetlight

What can you do if you notice a Coos Bay streetlight that is out or working intermittently? Please call the City of Coos Bay Public Works Department, and speak to or leave a message with Operations Superintendent Jon Eck. Jon's telephone number is 541-297-3810, and his email address is [jeck@coosbay.org](mailto:jeck@coosbay.org). The streetlights on metal poles belong to and are maintained by the City. Please be prepared to provide Jon the nearest cross streets or landmark. There may be a number on the pole as well which you can include in your communication with Jon if you have it. The City also owns the black metal period style lights in the downtown and along Newmark Avenue in Empire. Please report the nearest cross streets for those lights also. The streetlights on wooden poles are maintained by PacifiCorp. If you contact Jon with the nearest cross streets and pole number (if you find it), Jon will contact PacifiCorp with a request to repair and investigate.



Metal Pole with Number 92



Wooden Pole with PPL Number 260110

## Staff Helps Retrieve Lost Keys

Recently a citizen came into City Hall and requested staff's help in retrieving her car keys which she inadvertently dropped into a stormwater catch basin. Staff was able to assist in retrieving the keys, and received the following letter from owner of the keys:

*Dear Sir*

*Two weeks ago Sunday night, I dropped my electronic car key in the only manhole on Curtis and Highway 101 North. I called a taxi to take me home to get the second set of keys and returned to the scene of the "accident" to retrieve my car.*

*First thing Monday morning, I went to City Hall and was exceptionally well treated by some of your staff – especially Jennifer Wirsing. She arranged for Jason ? [Vinyard] to meet me at the manhold. He and another very nice young man pried the grating of the manhole and retrieved my well-soaked keys.*

*I am grateful for everyone's kind help.*

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(541) 269-8924

Public Works  
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Finance  
Department  
(541) 269-8915

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(541) 269-8912

## A Thank You from One of Our Young Library Patrons

Late last week our Library Director Sami Pierson was asked to deliver the following drawing thanking the City for our "Great Library" and listing what this youngster liked at the library.



What we love about  
our library... Check  
out books and movies  
Play with educational toys  
Story time with  
rebecca in the Special  
ROOM Pajama night  
All the librarians are nice  
and smart and helpful  
meeting other people who  
come to the library for  
Lego club + other programs  
I like reading to the dogs.  
Learning about science  
I like to sit in the comfy  
chairs.