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Blossom Gulch Tsunami Evacuation Drill

Students and staff from Blossom Gulch Elementary School conducted an earthquake and tsunami evacuation drill on Thursday morning. At 9:30 am, Principal Linda Vickery announced the simulated earthquake with the tsunami evacuation to follow. Immediately, students and teachers demonstrated the “Duck, Cover, and Hold” posture for self-protection during an earthquake. After several seconds had passed, the 585 students were filed out of the school and marched up to the safety of Marshfield High School. Coos Bay Police Officers and Firefighters were on hand to assist with the drill and evaluate the process.

For this drill, all students made the trek and were accounted for by their teachers in less than 20 minutes from the initial notification. This exercise is scheduled for the school three times annually with the next exercise to be conducted in May.

Drills like this are a good reminder that we live in a beautiful area that has so much to offer, but there are some unique considerations. The more we understand the potential threat of a disaster and make reasonable preparations for such an event, the more resilient we will be as individuals and as a community.



**Be Prepared
Be Aware
Be Ready**

Coos Waterfront Walkway

The Coos Bay City Council passed a resolution on June 17, 2014 to participate in the HEAL Cities program as a way to recognize and enhance our goals relative to health and wellness. In 2015, Councilor Jennifer Groth wrote a successful grant application to the Oregon Public Health Institute (OPHI) HEAL City Small Grants Selection Committee. As a result, the City was awarded \$5,290 for the *Coos Waterfront Park and Walkway Signage Project*. The award is possible thanks to generous support from Kaiser Permanente. With this grant, the City added signage to aid pedestrians in navigating the asphalt trails, boardwalks, crosswalks, roadways, and sidewalks that currently allow citizens and visitors to walk along the downtown's former industrial waterfront. This project represents the next step in a larger plan to improve connectivity along the bay, known as the Coos Waterfront Park and Walkway Plan.



The City engaged the services of a local graphic designer, Justin Macduff, to create a logo for the signs. The signs were installed by City maintenance staff last month.



The Next Step for the Library

A number of steps have been taken in the planning for a new library facility after learning in April 2014 that funds to stabilize the foundation of the current library facility was estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$6.3 million. On April 5th, Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency awarded a contract to a firm to conduct a Library Needs Assessment.



For the next several months, the consultants will be meeting with various stakeholder groups and conducting community meetings in order to gather information and data to determine the appropriate size of the new library building. The Needs Assessment report will include a detailed description of each area of the library, space needs that include room for anticipated growth, and total square footage. Since a site has not been selected, the price estimates will not include any land expenses. Stay tuned for additional information and meeting announcements.

New City Code Enforcement Officer

Nik Rapelje has been named as the City's new codes enforcement officer. Nik started with the City as a Codes/Planning Specialist in September 2013; and since then, has been providing excellent customer service. During that time, Nik gained valuable skills and knowledge learning about the building and land use codes; and she has additionally helped the City over the past few months working on code enforcement cases. Her skills, subject matter knowledge, and customer service skills will effectively represent the City in her new position; and Nik is excited to jump in with both feet.



Frequent users of the City's development services will continue to see Nik up at the front counter until her replacement is selected which is projected to be in the beginning of June.

Job Announcement

The Community Development Department is currently advertising for a Codes/Planning Specialist position. This position performs a variety of tasks related to the intake and processing of building code and land use permit applications and actions. Additionally, the position performs a variety of report related tasks associated with planning, budgeting, and code implementation work. The timeline for this hiring is as follows:

- Application Period:April 5th - April 25th
- Review of Applications:.....April 26th - April 28th
- Interviews with Selected Candidates:.....May 9th - May 10th
- Follow-up Interview (as needed).....May 11th (if needed)
- Projected Start Date:.....June 1st

For more information about this opening or for an application see the City's website at www.coosbay.org

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Police Department
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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



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Coos Bay Police Department is reminding drivers everywhere to take this serious. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), over 3,331 people have been killed and over 387,000 injured in motor vehicle accidents connected to distracted driving. That represents 10 percent of all fatal crashes and 17 percent

of all accidents that caused injuries.

Young drivers are at the greatest risk for distracted driving incidents. Some researchers speculate that this is because inexperienced drivers are the most likely to overestimate their ability to multitask. The NHTSA says that in 2009 some 16 percent of teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were reported to have been distracted. Distractions can come in many forms from using a cell phone or smart phone, eating and drinking, smoking, attending to or disciplining a child passenger, grooming, reading, adjusting a radio, and even adjusting temperature controls.



The Coos Bay Police Department is encouraging drivers to help keep everyone on the roadway safe by making a pledge not to drive distracted.

Upcoming City Meetings:

April 12th - **Coos Bay Planning Commission Meeting** – 6:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room

April 12th - **Coos Bay Budget Committee Meeting** – 7:00 pm in the Coos Bay City Council Chambers

April 14th – **Coos Bay Parks Commission Meeting** – 12:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room

April 14th - **Coos Bay Budget Committee Meeting** – 7:00 pm in the Coos Bay City Council Chambers

April 19th – **Coos Bay City Council and Urban Renewal Meetings** – 7:00 pm in the Coos Bay Council Chambers

April 21st – **Coos Bay Budget Committee Meeting** (if needed) – 7:00 pm in the Coos Bay City Council Chambers

April 22nd - **Coos Bay Tree Board** – 12:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room

April 26th – **Coos Bay City Council Work-Session** for Wastewater Treatment Plant Funding – 3:00 pm in the Coos Bay City Council Chambers



9th Annual City Clean Up Day Coos Bay - North Bend

APRIL 23, 2016

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Donate 4 cans of food for the South Coast Food Share
and dump up to (4) 35-gallon cans of household garbage FREE!**

Recyclables Gladly Accepted!

FOUR LOCATIONS:

- 1. So 4th Street Parking Lot (300 Block So 4th St) - Coos Bay**
- 2. Eastside Fire Station Parking Lot (365 D St) - Coos Bay**
- 3. Empire Fire Station Parking Lot (189 S Wall) - Coos Bay**
- 4. Pony Village Mall (Parking Lot by Ross & Mini Pet Mart) - North Bend**

****Limited to Coos Bay - North Bend City Residents****

Any Questions: Please contact (541) 269-1181 extension 2267

**NO TIRES, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, METAL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Partnering up with:
South Coast Food Share – United Way Day of Caring
Les' Sanitary – North Bend Sanitation – Coos Bay Sanitary Service



City of Coos Bay Brush Pick-Up

May 2, 2016

1. Brush to be placed by curb prior to May 2, 2016.
2. Brush must be in 1 pile and no more than 5 feet in length.
3. Brush to be placed next to curb, free from any overhead obstacles, fire hydrants and/or other obstructions.
4. 1 pile per address, NO group piles.
5. Brush must not exceed 5 cubic yards. More than 5 yards can be taken, but prior arrangements must be made.
6. No grass clippings, sod, dirt, loose leaves, plastic bags, bailing twine or other materials, which are not appropriate for grinding.
7. \$11.50 per cubic yard additional during and after brush pickup.

Coos Bay Municipal Code
8.10.060 states:

1. No owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or bushes on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. An owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall keep all trees and bushes on the premises, including the adjoining parking strip, trimmed so that any overhanging portions are at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and at least fourteen (14) feet above the roadway.
2. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow a dead or decaying tree to stand if it is a hazard to the public or to persons or property on or near the property.

For More Information Call:
Les' Sanitary at (541) 267-2848 or
Coos Bay Sanitary at (541) 267-6675