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Celebrating our Shipbuilding and Waterfront Heritage...

With the help of the Coos Bay Boat Building Center and the Coos Bay Downtown Association, the Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain have returned to Coos Bay to help us celebrate our shipbuilding and waterfront heritage.



Today's events includes the the Wine Walk and Dress Like a Pirate in downtown Coos Bay from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. At 7:45 pm, Pirates of the Caribbean will be shown at the Egyptian Theatre. The movie is **FREE** courtesy of the Coos Bay Boat Building Center and K-Dock.

Saturday's events begin at 9:00 am with a Reconciliation Ceremony with Lady Washington & Confederated and Coquille Tribes, 10:00 am Proclamation "Coos Bay Tall Ship Port of Oregon" and Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Dockside Tours, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Open House at the Coos Bay Boat Building Center, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Pirate Treasure Hunt throughout downtown Coos Bay. Coos Art Museum Maritime Photo Exhibit 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

For more information on the 2016 Tall Ship events visit www.coosboats.org or www.coosbaydowntown.org.

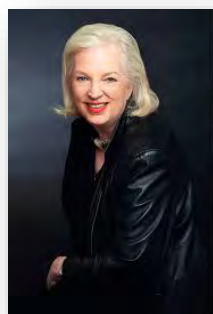
Coos Bay Celebrates “Children’s Day” With Our Sister City Choshi, Japan

"Koinobori", also known as carp windsocks, carp streamers, and/or carp banners, decorate the landscape of Japan from April through early May in honor of “Children's Day Festival” (“Kodomo nu hi”) on May 5th of each year. In Japanese culture, the carp symbolizes courage and great strength because of its ability to swim up a waterfall. Children’s Day is celebrated as an event expressing hope that children will grow up healthy and strong like wild carps. During this festival, people set up a warrior doll or a yoroi armor set in the house and Koinobori (“Flying Carp”) windsocks outside the house.

Joe and Toni Hudson, who recently retired and moved to Coos Bay, obtained 11 carp windsocks with the hopes that they could be flown over or near the “Morning Song” bridge in Mingus Park in celebration of “Children’s Day” with Choshi Japan, our sister city. Joe and Toni worked with Beverly Myers, caretaker of Choshi Gardens in Mingus Park, and City Staff to put in place the carp windsocks. The carp windsocks will be displayed for a week, and this is anticipated to be an annual event.



Meet J.A. Jance at the Library



J.A. Jance is the NY Times bestselling author of more than fifty mysteries in four different series. Jance will be speaking at the **Coos Bay Public Library on May 12th at 2:00 pm**. Her newest book is *Dance of the Bones*, and it is available for check out at the library. This talk is part of Title Wave, a county wide reading program.



Truffles

A new store has come to Coos Bay – Truffles. Truffles has moved to 300 Central Avenue in Coos Bay from Bandon, Oregon. They specialize in personal gifts, apparel, and home furnishings. You can find something for anyone in their amazing selection. They are open from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm Tuesday thru Saturday, and you can find out more about them at [facebook.com/trufflescoosbay](https://www.facebook.com/trufflescoosbay) or by calling 541-267-1690. Stop in and welcome them to the area.



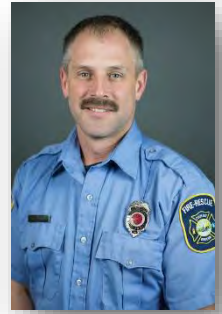
2016 Arts & Culture Rally and Charm Trail

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Coos Art Museum, the Museum is hosting the 2016 Arts & Culture Rally and Charm Trail. The Southern Oregon Coast is rich in local Arts & Culture. Join the fun by visiting the 51 participating Arts & Culture venues and collect your one of a kind charm trail souvenir. For more information visit the [CAM 2016 Arts & Culture Rally Web Page](#).



Marathon Man

Congratulations to Coos Bay Firefighter Kevin Haagen for completing the 10th running event of the Eugene Marathon last weekend. Kevin has been a firefighter with Coos Bay since March of 2002. At 45 years old, this was his first time running a full marathon. He finished the race in four hours and seven minutes. Kevin runs to keep in top physical condition, but he had never run that far before. He said the first 20 miles felt good, but the last 6 miles were brutal. "Completing a marathon was something that I've always wanted to do. I hope to run it again next year and improve my time", said Haagen.



Annual Firefighter's Banquet

Saturday, April 30th was the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighter's Annual Awards Banquet, and there were several people honored for their contribution to the department. Those receiving the 2015 Outstanding Service Award for their effort above and beyond the job description included Kevin Cunningham, Jason Guenther, Ben Rollicheck, Steve Takis, and Donna White. Frank Kaiser received an award for his attendance at the most fires for an impressive 5th year in a row. The volunteer firefighter with the most documented training hours in 2015 was Gabe Ouellette, and the career firefighter with the most training time of 191 hours was Luke Taylor.

The top honor of 2015 went to Volunteer Firefighter Gabe Ouellette. Gabe is a newcomer to the Coos Bay Fire Department having joined in February of 2015. He has some previous experience at North Bend and SWOCC, but he has really been a benefit to Coos Bay this past year. Gabe has displayed enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and commitment. He is a building contractor by trade, but he really enjoys his role as a firefighter. His integrity and character also helped him earn the distinction of 2015 Firefighter of the Year.



A New Face at City Hall

Jan Kerbo has recently joined the Public Works team at the City of Coos Bay. She is a registered engineer with over 25 years of experience. Her primary responsibility will be managing the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 for the next few years. By hiring her directly, the City has someone onsite full time representing the City. This is a significant cost savings as opposed to hiring consultants.



She brings to the City her extensive experience with wastewater construction projects, SRF loan funding, municipal facilities planning, and working with the state and federal agencies involved. By engaging the contractor in the cost efficiency process, she has consistently brought projects in under budget and at times below the bid cost. Jan is also well known for her involvement with local community service projects, and she has been a Coos Bay resident since 1977.

K-9 Tron Retires

After 11 plus years working as a Police K-9 Handler, Sergeant Sean Merritt is turning in his leash and his faithful partner K-9 Tron. Sgt. Merritt is the last of three officers that were instrumental in the resurrection of the Coos Bay Police Department (CBPD) Patrol K-9 program back in 2005. During his career, Sgt. Merritt handled K-9 Vico and K-9 Tron full time while testing and evaluating several other police K-9's. Over the years, Sgt. Merritt and his K-9 partners have been called upon to assist in locating not only wanted criminals but also lost children and elderly citizens.



In 2007, Sergeant Merritt and K-9 Vico received a Life Saving Award after they were called to assist the Coquille Police Department in locating an elderly female who was suffering with dementia who had walked away from her home.

After K-9 Vico's retirement in 2012, Sgt. Merritt was assigned as the handler for CBPD's new K-9 "Tron". Since that time, Sgt. Merritt and K-9 Tron have assisted in locating and capturing subjects involved in several high profile cases in Coos Bay and the surrounding area. With Sgt. Merritt turning in the leash, it will also mean the retirement of K-9 Tron who will continue to live with Sgt. Merritt and his family.

Training to Keep Children Safe

Coos Bay Fire Department recently hosted a Child Passenger Safety Technician Training put on by Safe Kids Worldwide. This three-day course consisted of classroom and hands on training culminating with a Child Safety Seat clinic. Two personnel from Coos Bay Fire Department completed the training and became Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.



These two Technicians will now be available for drop in questions at the fire station, and they will assist with the monthly Child Safety Seat Clinics held at the Coos Bay Fire Station, 450 Elrod Avenue on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. This clinic is put on by the Coos County Child Safety Seat Coalition which is comprised of members from local law enforcement, ODOT, Oregon Department of Human Services, and Bay Area Hospital. If you have any questions regarding Child Safety Seats or would like to make sure that yours is installed correctly, please stop by the next clinic on May 10th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, or call the Fire Department at 541-269-1191 and talk to one of our new Technicians.

You Cleaned Up on Clean-Up Day

On April 23rd, the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend held their annual garbage clean-up day. There were drop-off locations in Eastside, Empire, downtown Coos Bay, and at the Pony Village Mall. Over 19 tons of garbage were collected at the combined sites! The event also collected over 1,000 pounds of food and \$65.00 in cash. These proceeds go to benefit the area's needy.



The City would like to thank the Coos Bay Fire Department volunteers, Eastside and Empire Fire Station employees, Oregon Coast Community Action, United Way, Charleston Food Pantry, Coos Food Cupboard, Salvation Army, North Bend Presbyterian Church, and especially Les' Sanitation and Coos Bay Sanitation for their continual support and assistance in making the Clean-Up Day a success!

New Façade at Black Market Gourmet Brightens Up Downtown!

Black Market Gourmet located at 495 Central Avenue in Coos Bay is getting a facelift. The one-of-a-kind restaurant has been known for over 16-years for its amazing catered food, sauces, and personable owners. Now their building will be getting a fair bit of attention as well. The project includes a new façade color and down the road new lights and front doors will be included to make it one of the best looking buildings on Central. You can find out more about Black Market Gourmet at <http://www.theblackmarketgourmet.com/home.html> or by calling 541-269-0194.



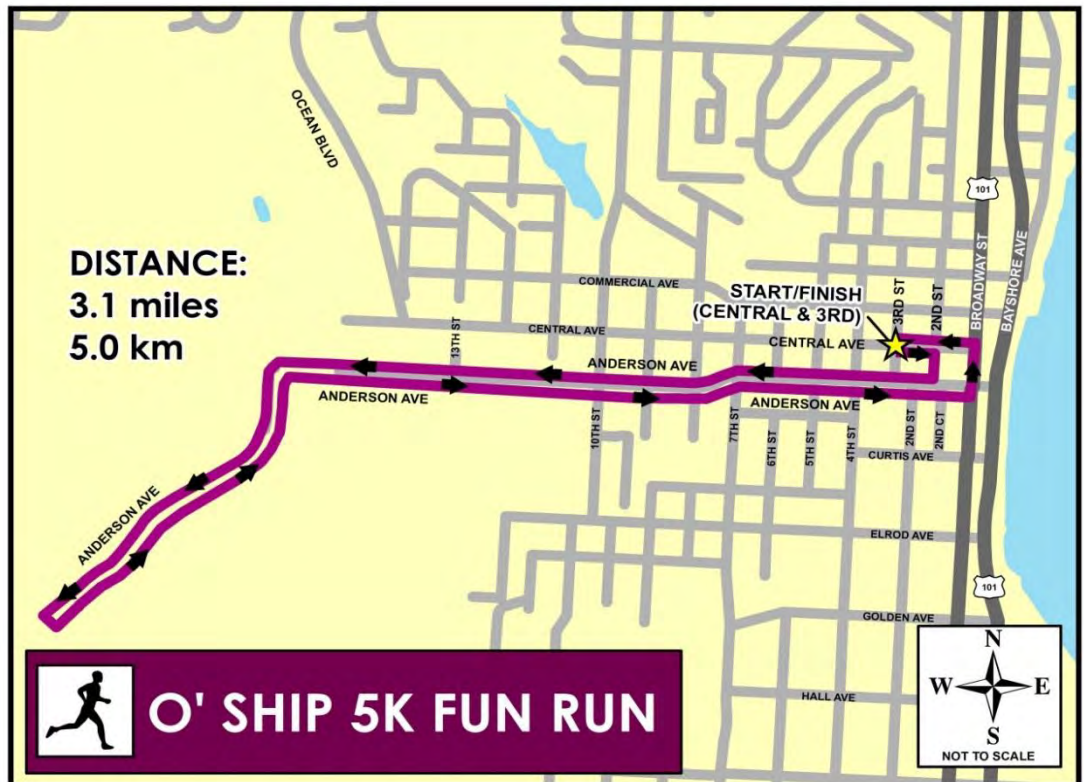
Old Façade...

New look...



Here comes the 1st Annual Festival of Sail “O” Ship 5KRun!

The event kicks off on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 am on Central Avenue and 2nd Street. You can pre-register for the event by May 7th or prior to event on race day. A t-shirt like the one pictured below is guaranteed to all pre-registered runners. For more information visit www.coosbaydowntown.org or email Elizabeth-Claire Knox at info@coosbaydowntown.org.



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Public Works Department
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Finance Department
(541) 269-8915

City Manager's Office
(541) 269-8912

Farmer's Market is Back!!!



The 16th season of the Coos Bay Farmers Market kicked off this past Wednesday!

The [Coos Bay Downtown Association](http://www.coosbaydowntown.org) presents a friendly farmers market venue in the heart of the downtown area. The market will be on Central Avenue on the edge of Highway 101, and it ends at the Hall Building.

There will be three blocks filled with farmers, food artisans, makers, crafters, nonprofits, and a food court. The market accepts EBT & WIC as well as a proud partner in the Double Up Food Bucks Program that is a bonus dollar program to supplement additional produce.

For more information email Ashley at coosbayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Coos Bay Annual Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee will be held Saturday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. The parade begins at 4th Street and Golden Avenue, and it ends at 2nd Street and Golden Avenue. The length of the parade is just under one mile. For more information on the parade route go to the City of Coos Bay's website at www.coosbay.org

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, and it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while serving in the military. All citizens who would like to honor these Americans who have served are encouraged to join Coos Bay Mayor Shoji to walk in the Memorial Day Parade. "Rain or shine, it's fun and meaningful to be in of the parade," said Mayor Shoji. "Bring the family and wear your red, white, and blue." If you wish, you may carry fresh greenery and/or flowers from your yard.

If you would like to join Mayor Shoji in the Memorial Day Parade, please contact Jackie Mickelson in the City of Coos Bay's City Manager's Office at 541-269-8912. For information about having your own entry in the parade, contact Chairperson Bill Kehler at 541-888-6556.