

City of Coos Bay, Oregon



The Friday Update

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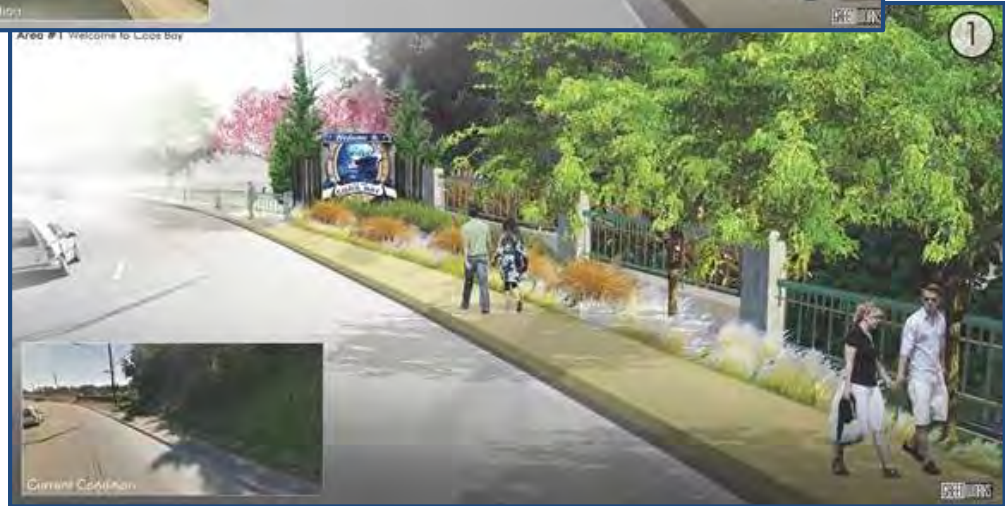
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Exploring Gateway Improvements...

This past Tuesday night, the Coos Bay City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, was discussing pursuing a project to improve the visual appeal of the streetscape along Highway 101 from the south City limits to the north City limits. The Agency's initial focus will be at our north and south gateways into Coos Bay. The Agency has contracted with a landscape architectural firm to develop plans for both gateways. The plans will include landscape features, irrigation, entry monument signs, and fence railing identical to the railing recently installed on the east side of Bayshore from the Coos Rail Museum north to Front Street.



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A look behind the scenes...

Monday was a busy Independence Day for many Fire Department personnel. The day started with a trip to Elk River Hatchery to pick up roughly 400 Rainbow Trout for the fishing derby to be held at Mingus Park. By 8:00 am, several groups had begun set up for activities in the park. The festivities started with the Mayor's Firecracker Run at 10:00 am, and the presentation of the flag by the Boy Scouts at 11:00 am. Hundreds of children and families enjoyed the free entertainment, crafts, games, and activities. The celebration in Mingus Park is coordinated by the Fire Department Auxiliary, and over a dozen different organizations participate in this event.



As the activities in the park wrapped up, firefighters quickly transitioned to the next project - fireworks. It took roughly 5 hours for 12 of the Fire Department staff to set up for the fireworks show.



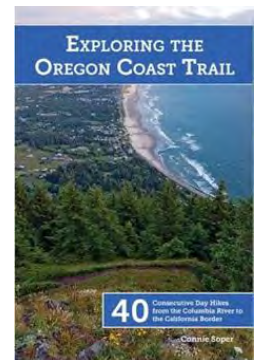
Crews prepared several hundred mortar tubes and reviewed safety procedures in preparation for the 30 minute show that began at 10:00 pm. Whether it's the smile of a child after catching a fish, the applause from spectators on the boardwalk, or the pride in celebrating our country's birthday, there is no doubt that the effort was worthwhile.



Thank you to all of the volunteers and organizations that helped to make this July 4th a fun celebration!!!

Exploring the Oregon Coast Trail with Connie Soper...

Connie Soper will discuss her book "Exploring the Oregon Coast Trail" on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 pm in the Myrtlewood Room at the Coos Bay Library. Connie has hiked the trail twice in its entirety. Her guide includes many stories, anecdotes, and historical reference of places on the trail.



"Music On The Corner" begins today in downtown Coos Bay...

The Coos Bay Downtown Association and the World Newspaper are sponsoring Music On the Corner again this summer in downtown Coos Bay. Each Friday at noon there will be live music at the corner of Fourth Street and Anderson Avenue. Some of the performers from last year have graciously agreed to return, and some new performers have been added to the line-up.

For more information on this concert or for a list of the upcoming concert events, visit the [Coos Bay Downtown Association's](http://www.coosbaydowntown.com) website.

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While staying vigilant today, they are also preparing for the future...

The Eastside Neighborhood Watch group has been meeting on a regular basis for several years. They have become the eyes and ears of law enforcement. In addition to helping fight against crime in their neighborhood, they have taken on a number of community service projects in the Eastside area.

While they continue to stay vigilant against crime, they have expanded the group's focus to include disaster preparedness. A number of the members of the group have completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. In addition to training, they are in hopes of putting together a stockpile of emergency disaster supplies which could be used by the community in the event of an emergency.

This group is proving that they are very resourceful. So far they have secured a donated shipping container as well as the permission of the Coos Bay School District to locate the container next to Millicoma Middle School.

Now they need your help! The Eastside Neighborhood Watch group is accepting water, shelter items, and first aid donations Tuesday, July 12th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. All donations are greatly appreciated, and they can be a tax deduction. Please mark this date on your calendar, and bring your donations to the Eastside Neighborhood Watch group who will be meeting at the northwest corner of Millicoma School property.

Celebrate 20 Years of Service...

Two of the Fire Department's staff are celebrating 20 years of service. Both Battalion Chief Dan Crutchfield and Firefighter Mike Seldon were hired in July of 1996.



Mike is a member of the OSFM Regional Hazardous Materials team. He is certified as an EMT- Intermediate, Firefighter 2, Pumper Operator, Aerial Operator, and Fire Officer 1. In addition to his regular duties, Mike is the Fire Department's program coordinator for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) maintenance. He is responsible for repairing, testing, and servicing these essential safety tools.



Dan has also been very active in the Regional Hazardous Materials team. For several years, he was the program coordinator. In January of 2013, Dan was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief. He is now the Regional Hazardous Materials Program Administrator. He is also responsible for Fire Prevention and Public Education, communication equipment, hose maintenance, department health and safety, and several smaller programs. He is certified as an EMT – Intermediate, Firefighter 2, Pumper Operator, Aerial Operator, and Fire Officer 4. He recently received his Bachelor degree in Business Administration, and he is currently working to obtain an Executive Fire Officer Certificate from the National Fire Academy.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to our community!