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The Friday Update

December 2, 2016




Santa made the first of his two visits to kick off the holiday season and is getting ready for his second!

Santa arrived at the Coos Bay Boardwalk by Tugboat last Friday evening to kick off the Coos Bay Downtown Association's annual Christmas Tree lighting. He was greeted by Mayor Benetti and City Councilors Stephanie Kilmer, Lucinda DiNovo, and Drew Farmer along with a large crowd of excited children and their families.



Prior to the tree lighting, Ten Idol contestants sang carols while attendees enjoyed the cookies and cider that was provided by Farr's True Value Hardware. A big thanks to K-Dock Radio who helped coordinate the event as well as providing the sound and music.

After the tree lighting ceremony kicking off the Christmas season, the crowd made their way to the Egyptian Theatre where Santa visited with the children and listened to the wishes. Later they enjoyed a free showing of the movie Elf which was sponsored by Knife River and Oregon Pacific Bank.

The evening was capped off with a snow ball fight using balled up socks (new) which were later gathered up and donated to our local homeless shelters by the Boy Scouts.



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Empire

Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday,
December 3rd
at 5pm



At Star of Hope
657 Newmark Ave
Empire- Coos Bay

Santa will be arriving on top of a fire engine!



This event is sponsored by the Community Coalition of Empire and Star of Hope

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Coos Bay Remembers...

November 25, 2016 wasn't just "Black Friday", it also marked the 14th anniversary of the Far West fire that claimed the lives of three Coos Bay firefighters. This tragic event rocked the community and served as a stark reminder of the frailty of life and the potential risks that come with public service.

According to national statistics, roughly 70 firefighters and 120 police officers die in the line of duty each year. Due to an increase in violence against officers, 133 police officers have been killed to date in 2016. The tendency is to become numb to these statistics, but the loss of Randy Carpenter, Jeff Common and Chuck Hanners on November 25, 2002 remind us that we are not immune to tragedy. Each of these public servants were members of a community and chose to serve their neighbors, despite the inherent risks involved. Each had family and friends that grieved their loss. Because of our loss, we can sympathize with a family and community when we hear news of the death of a public safety officer.



The sacrifice that Jeff, Randy, and Chuck made should also encourage us to appreciate the commitment and service provided by Firefighters and Police Officers. There are 1,134,400 firefighters (69% volunteer) and more than 900,000 police officers that serve their neighbors around this country each day.

For those that have answered their last call, we honor you and your loved ones.

Volunteer Committee Openings...



The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Budget Committee, Design Assistance Team, Parks Commission, Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board, Library Board, and Planning Commission. Applications are available from the City Manager's Office at City Hall, by calling 541-269-8912, or on the City's website at www.coosbay.org. Applications will be accepted in the City Manger's Office through 5:00 p.m. **December 8, 2016**. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews with the City Council.

Budget Committee – Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay, and they are appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. The meetings are held in April at 7:00 p.m. **There are currently two openings** on the Budget Committee.

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Design Assistance Team – The Design Review Committee acts as an advisory body to the City of Coos Bay Community Development Department, Planning Commission, City Council, and Urban Renewal Agency. Members may include any person possessing interest in furthering the betterment of historic, cultural, architectural, natural or artistic resources in the Coos Bay area. Applicants should have knowledge and expertise in one of the following areas: a) Local History; b) art, graphics, or interior design; c) architecture. There are currently three openings on the Committee. Applicants should be a resident of the City, although the committee can have up to two members who reside outside of the City as long as they own property or a business with the City limits (Coos Bay Municipal Code 2.40.020).

Parks Commission – Membership is comprised of one Councilor, one Planning Commissioner, one representative of a service club, one representative of the landscape design profession or business, one representative of the design profession, and three citizen-at-large positions. **There are three openings** on the committee - two citizen-at-large and one design professional. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay or own property in the City. The Parks Commission meets once a month, although during winter months if there are no items to bring to the Commission, meetings are not held. All applicants must be Coos Bay residents (applicants who reside outside the city but who own property within the city shall be considered to have residential status) (Coos Bay Municipal Code 2.30.020).

Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board – Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay for a period of not less than one year prior to appointment. Board meetings are held once a month at 7:00 a.m. at the Water Board office. Appointments are for four years. **There is one opening on the Board.**



The City of Coos Bay is also seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Library Board and the Planning Commission. Applications will be accepted in the City Managers Office through 5:00 p.m. **December 23, 2016**. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews with the City Council on January 6, 2017.

Library Board - The Library Board, consists of seven members. The term of office is four years; up to three board members may at any one time reside in Coos County within the boundaries of School Dist. 9, but outside the city limits of Coos Bay. Members shall be limited to serving no more than two full consecutive terms; however, any person may be reappointed after an interval of one year. **There is currently one opening** on the Board.

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission functions primarily as a comprehensive planning body by proposing policy and legislation to the city council and by implementing regulations relating to the growth and development of the community. The Planning Commission is a seven-member citizen advisory board appointed by the City Council. It is the decision-making authority for many land use applications. It also makes recommendations to the City Council on land use planning issues. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall. Its meetings are open to the public. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay for a period of not less than one year prior to appointment (Coos Bay Municipal Code 2.35.020).



Fire Department Promotes Two Lieutenants...

The Coos Bay Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotion of two firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. The department developed a vacancy for the position when Randy Miles retired last May. The second vacancy was created when Lt. Jeff Adkins took over for Battalion Chief Dean Martin following his retirement in September. The Fire Department conducted a competitive promotional process and ultimately selected two outstanding candidates; John Guenther and Steve Takis.

Lieutenant John Guenther started his firefighting career more than eleven years ago as a volunteer with the City of Gold Beach. He moved up north to officially pursue his career in the field and became a volunteer with North Bend Fire and Rescue. There, he served in a career firefighting role for six years before joining the City of Coos Bay Fire Department in 2014.

With a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Oregon State University, Lt. Guenther currently coordinates the student firefighter program and manages communication equipment for the Department. He also holds an Associate of Applied Science from Southwestern Oregon Community College, and he has served as a Paramedic since 2012. John (Gunny) is the union president for Coos Bay Professional Firefighters Local 2935. He is also a member of the HAZMAT team and is experienced in aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF), structural firefighting, wildland firefighting and boat rescue.



Lt. Steve Takis started his career with Coos Bay Fire Department in January of 2004. Prior to being hired by Coos Bay, he was a Reserve Firefighter with Rural Metro Fire Department in the Rogue Valley area. During his career with Coos Bay, Steve has worked on many different projects within the Department. Steve has been the coordinator for EMS program, Business Preplans, Air monitors, and more recently Fire Prevention and the Regional Hazardous Materials Team. Steve is also active with the Child Safety Seat program, and he has been working to become certified to be part of our Juvenile Fire Setters program.

Steve holds an Associate's degree in Fire Science from Rogue Community College, an Associate's degree in EMT/Paramedic from Umpqua Community College, and Bachelor's degrees in Fire Service Administration and Business Administration from Waldorf University. Steve has many fire service certifications including Fire Officer II, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor I, Hazardous Materials Technician, Vehicle Extrication Technician, Incident Safety Officer, and he has been a Paramedic for ten years.

Congratulations to the two newly appointed Lieutenants. We are eager to see them develop as officers and leaders within the Fire Department.

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*42nd Annual
Sounds of Christmas Organ Concert
Saturday, December 10th at 12:00PM*



*Lee Littlefield on the Mighty Wurlitzer
&
Wilbur Jensen and the Christmas Brass*

*Admission is Free, Donations Accepted
Celebrating 91 Years in Downtown Coos Bay*