

City of Coos Bay,  
Oregon



# The Friday Update

April 17, 2015



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**FAMILY FUN DAY THIS WEEKEND** – The Kids’ Hope Center will host a free family fun day this Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at John Topits Park. The event will include a barbecue lunch provided by NW Natural and the Coos Bay Lions Club - free fishing for children 13 and under, various games, a 5K race, and a 1-mile walk/run for kids. Registration for the “Run For The Kids” event will begin at 8:15 am at the National Guard Armory. The 5K competitive run will start at 8:45 am, and the 1-mile kids’ run/walk will start at 9:30 am. Parking and a free shuttle will be available at the Southwestern Oregon Community College Newmark Center and the Armory. For more information or to register for the run, call 541-266-8806.

**YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED** - The Coos Bay Public Library is currently developing a strategic plan that incorporates the ideas, needs, and wishes of the community. Community members are invited to contribute their vision of a 21st century Coos Bay Public Library by participating in a community meeting at Coos Bay City Hall’s Council Chambers on Saturday, May 2nd from 2:00- 3:30 pm. *\*Note this is a change from the original meeting date of April 18th.*

**WELCOME RESERVE OFFICER HOWARD** – The Coos Bay Police Department would like to welcome Tanner Howard as our newest reserve police officer. Tanner began his hiring process approximately a year ago; and after an arduous selection and background process, he was selected to attend R.O.T.A. (reserve officer training academy). Tanner began R.O.T.A. in September 2014, and he graduated in March 2015. He was sworn in as a reserve police officer on April 14, 2015. Tanner is 21 years old, and he grew up locally in Coquille. Tanner attended Coquille High School, and he is currently enrolled at Southwestern Oregon Community College where he is pursuing an Associate’s Degree.

**CITY WELCOMES DONATION** - The City of Coos Bay has accepted a generous offer from Knife River Corporation, with a local office at 3055 Ocean Boulevard in Coos Bay, to restripe two parking lots in John Topits Park at no cost to the City. On Friday April 17, 2015, Knife River’s equipment and crew will restripe the two parking lots within the park along Hull Street. The two areas include the “lower” lot next to the Neighborhood Facility Building and the “upper” lot adjacent to the boat launch and playground. The work will include striping parking spaces and painting directional arrows within both lots.

**HOME SAFETY CLASS** – The Fire Department will be hosting a class on Home Safety next Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. The class is free to the public, and it will be held at the downtown fire station located at 450 Elrod Avenue. For information call 541-269-1191.

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City Manager's Office  
(541) 269-8912

**LIBRARY BOARD WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMEBERS** - James Moore and Anthony Farmer were recently appointed to fill recent vacancies on the Coos Bay Library Board. The Library Board is charged with formulating the rules and policies for the governance of the library, assisting with the annual budget preparation, and approving of library related expenditures.

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:** - The Police Department is accepting applications for volunteer reserve police officers. Anyone interested in volunteering their time is encouraged to complete an application and submit it to the City Manager's office before 5 p.m. Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at [www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org). For more information, call 541-269-8912.

**COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER NEW DEVELOPMENT CODE:** - Cities within the State of Oregon are required to write, maintain, and adopt a development code as a part of its overall municipal code. Coos Bay has had a code for many years, and it is currently adopted as Chapter 17 of its municipal code. The current City's code was primarily written in 1987, and it has had some minor modifications since that date. Staff has now finished the process of rewriting a draft code per the City's goal for this year and the previous direction it was given by the City Council. The Planning Commission spent approximately eight months working on the code in a series of work sessions and a public hearing with the purpose of gathering public opinion and writing a draft document that reflects the majority opinion for development within the City of Coos Bay. With a unanimous favorable decision from the Planning Commission, the code went to the City Council for three work sessions.

A copy of the draft development code can be found on line at the City's website at [www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org). A town hall meeting will be scheduled in the near future where staff will provide a presentation on the proposed changes to the current development code. After the town hall meeting, a public hearing will be scheduled before the Council considers adopting the draft code.

The main goals of the development code rewrite proposal are to:

1. Provide a new land use review format which will be easier for applicants to follow,
2. Provide clear and objective language for applicants,
3. Establish conformity within the pre-application process,
4. Delete many unnecessary reviews for proposed uses, and
5. Delete some of the unnecessary zonings within the City.

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:** [www.facebook.com/cityofcoosbay](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcoosbay) for more information on the following:

- Coos County's FREE Brush and Clean Wood Collection Event (ends May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Coos Bay – North Bend's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual City Clean Up Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Bay Area Brigade Hwy 101 Clean Up Event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Coos Bay Brush Pick-Up Event on May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Tall Ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>