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The Friday Update

May 22, 2015

PURPLE HEART CITY – Ahead of Memorial Day, Mayor Crystal Shoji and the City Council approved a proclamation declaring the City of Coos Bay as a Purple Heart City. The declaration pays tribute to Coos Bay residents who were wounded or killed in combat.



EGYPTIAN THEATRE AWARDED \$100,000! – The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association received great news yesterday. The MJ Murdock Charitable Trust awarded the \$100,000 to complete the restoration / renovation of the Egyptian's Broadway façade. The Murdock Trust has been a great supporter of the Egyptian Theatre restoration efforts. They now have granted the ETPA two awards totaling \$250,000.







SEWERLINE REPLACEMENT - The City of Coos Bay is replacing the sanitary sewer line on Michigan Avenue in Empire between Empire Blvd and Marple Street. The project started on May 21st, and is scheduled to be completed by June 30th. During construction, this section of Michigan Avenue will be closed during working hours weekdays 7am to 6pm; and it will be open each night and weekend to traffic. There will be areas of Michigan Avenue and Marple Street that will be used to stage materials, so please exercise caution while driving in these areas.

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PAVING PROJECT – On May 20th, the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board resumed work on Ocean Blvd to complete its water main replacement project from the Water Board’s driveway entrance to Woodland Drive. The water main was replaced late last year, and the remaining project task is the repaving of the lane(s) where the work was performed. Please use caution in the construction area. One westbound lane will remain closed throughout the next few days.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL WHILE SERVING IN OUR COUNTRY’S ARMED FORCES - The Coos Bay Annual Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee will be held Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. The parade begins at 4th Street and Golden Avenue and ends at 2nd Street and Golden Avenue. The length of the parade is approximately one mile.

You are invited to Join Coos Bay Mayor Shoji and North Bend Mayor Wetherell to walk in the Memorial Day Parade as we remember and honor those gave their lives while serving in our country’s armed forces. If you wish to have your own entry into the parade, mail your parade application to Parade Entry, PO Box 3164, Coos Bay, OR 97420; or for information, contact Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee Chairperson Bill Kehler at 541-888-6556.

 <p>MAY 30, 2015</p> 	<p>28th Annual United Veterans</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</p> <p>11:00 AM Downtown Coos Bay</p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ <i>Please join us in Honoring those who have served their Country</i></p>		<p>100th Anniversary</p> <p>REDEDICATION</p> <p>SAILOR-SOLDIER MONUMENT</p> <p>1:30 PM Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery</p> <p>☆☆☆☆☆ <i>Followed by the Dedication of headstones for three Civil War veterans</i></p>	 <p>ROUTE DISTANCE = 0.94 MILES</p> <p>START GOLDEN AVE</p> <p>FINISH</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE</p>
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Don’t miss out on the rededication of the Sailor-Soldier Monument in the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery on May 30th at 1:30 pm. The monument was originally dedicated on May 30, 1915.

CITY HALL CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 26th.



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SAFETY BELT CAMPAIGN - Officers from the Coos Bay Police Department will join law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon in a Safety Belt Enforcement Campaign from May 18th to 31st. This is the second of three scheduled safety belt and traffic safety campaigns for 2015. Oregon sheriff's offices, local police departments, and OSP will participate on federal overtime grants from US Department of Transportation. The focus of the program is to increase public awareness of the seatbelt laws with the goal of reducing traffic injuries and deaths.



As officers from the Coos Bay Police Department take to the road during this campaign, they will focus their attention on seatbelt violations, child safety seat violations, texting/distracted drivers, and minors in open pick-up beds. Officers will also be watching for drivers who are speeding or driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

STORMLINE REPAIR - The City of Coos Bay is repairing a storm sewer line along the alley between S. 2nd and S. 4th Street and Golden and Hall Avenue. The project started on May 21st, and it is scheduled to be completed by May 26th. During construction, the northern portion of this alley adjacent to Golden Avenue will be closed; however, vehicles and pedestrians will have access from the south entrance along Hall Avenue. Please exercise caution while driving in this area.

LEARNING SOME HISTORY AT THE LIBRARY - On May 28th at 7:00 pm there will be a presentation on Letitia Carson (1814 – 1888) by Dr. Robert Zybach. Carson was a former slave and pioneer. She came to Oregon during the Civil War and filed one of the nation's first Homestead Act claims for 160 acres on South Myrtle Creek. Dr. Zybach has been researching Carson's story for more than 25 years.



SEWER FEES - At the May 5, 2015 City Council meeting, a 6.5% sewer rate hike was approved. Several City Councilors and citizens had questions regarding the rationale and fairness of the City's rate structure. In particular, there were questions regarding the difference in how rates were charged for residential, commercial, multi-family, and high strength users. There were also questions about what kind of businesses are considered high strength users. The current rate structure also "rounds up" usage to the nearest 100 cubic of water used to determine a customer's consumption charge. Some citizens expressed concerns about the fairness of this practice. To help answer these and other questions related to the City's sewer rate structure, the City is using a consultant specializing in rates and cost of service analysis for sewer and water utilities to prepare a "White Paper" on the matter. The content of the white paper will be discussed at the June 16, 2015 City Council meeting.