

City of Coos Bay, Oregon



# The Friday Update

## May 29, 2015



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**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** – The Coos Bay Annual Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee will be held Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The parade begins at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Golden Avenue and ends at 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 who gave their lives while serving in our country's armed forces. If you wish to have your own entry into the parade, contact Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee Chairperson Bill Kehler at 541-888-6556.




MAY 30, 2015


28th Annual United Veterans 100th Anniversary

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

11:00 AM  
Downtown  
Coos Bay

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*Please join us in  
Honoring those who  
have served their Country*

REDEDICATION

SAILOR-SOLDIER MONUMENT

1:30 PM  
Marshfield  
Pioneer Cemetery

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*Followed by the  
Dedication of headstones for  
three Civil War veterans*



### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REDEDICATION OF SAILOR-SOLDIER MONUMENT

Don't miss out on the rededication of the Sailor-Soldier Monument in the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The monument was originally dedicated on May 30, 1915. To follow will be the Dedication of Headstones for three Civil War Veterans.

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### **MINGUS PARK'S AGGRESSIVE GEESE**



- Over the last several months, Coos Bay City staff received several calls from the public about concerns with the aggressive behavior of the abandoned domestic geese in Mingus Park. The Parks Commission considered the issue and recommended to the Coos Bay City Council that the geese be removed from Mingus Park. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the City Council discussed the Mingus Park geese. They heard comments from citizens in support of keeping the geese in the park and from others who desire to have the geese removed. The Council requested more information on possible solutions and more citizen input.

Since the April meeting, City Councilors and staff have received numerous telephone calls and emails from citizens with opinions in support of both sides of the issue. While most support removing the geese, there are still many people requesting that the geese be kept in Mingus Park and they have offered ideas to minimize conflict between the waterfowl and humans.

The City prepared an online survey to collect people's opinions about and experiences with the geese in Mingus Park. The survey received 329 responses. The questions and responses were as follows:

**Should the City remove the domesticated geese from Mingus Park?** (If the geese are removed, they would be adopted by people willing to take care of them)

Yes - 65%                      No - 35%

**The presence of geese in Mingus Park...**

- encourage my use of the Mingus Park ..... 23%
- discourage my use of Mingus Park ..... 48%
- neither encourage or discourage use of the Park ... 29%



**Have you ever been attacked by the geese in Mingus Park?**

Yes - 62%                      No - 38%

**If so, did you wave your hands or rattle your keys at the geese to drive them away?**

Yes - 62%                      No - 38%

**If yes, was it effective?**

Yes - 25%                      No - 75%

Geese can be particularly aggressive during the mating, nesting and egg incubation period; approximately late February through May. When fed by people, geese lose their natural fear which often leads to more aggressive attacks during the spring nesting season because they will begin nesting closer to areas that people frequent.

The Coos Bay City Council will consider the issue involving the geese in Mingus Park during their regular Council meeting on June 16, 2015. Citizens will have an opportunity to speak on the issue at the meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to share your written comments or opinions with the City Council, you can email them to Jim Hossley, Coos Bay Public Works Director, at [jhossley@coosbay.org](mailto:jhossley@coosbay.org).