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# The Friday Update

**July 31, 2015**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN THE PARK 2015** - Public Safety agencies, community groups, businesses, and neighborhoods all working together to make this event possible and provide safer neighborhoods in Oregon's Bay Area. This year's National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Ferry Road Park in North Bend. **The fun begins at 5:00 pm.** This event is co-sponsored by the Public Safety Departments of both the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend.

As this event has gained popularity over the years, the number of volunteers needed to make this event happen has increased as well. The 50 plus volunteers will be assisting the record number of businesses and community partners in this year's event making it bigger than ever.



Just a few of the attractions this year are Jump for Fun, R.E.A.C.H Helicopter, ODOT Crash Car, ODF&W Boat as well as Fire Trucks and Police Cars. As in the past, there will be lots of games for the kids and adults as well. Food and drink providers will be busy in the free food court keeping the crowds fed and hydrated as they participate in the many activities provided.

***We Hope To See Everyone There!***

**STATUS OF A POSSIBLE GAS TAX** – In last week's update, I shared about the recent (since 2013) collective efforts of the Council, staff, and citizens to assess and address our deteriorating street infrastructure here in Coos Bay. Coos Bay and North Bend are in the same boat regarding the condition of our streets and the lack of funds needed to maintain the necessary but expensive infrastructure. Both cities have completed an assessment of the respective streets, and the Councilor's from North Bend and Coos Bay have approved a PP&L Franchise fee increase to help cover the costs of keeping the street lights on at night (both cities have been using state gas tax revenue to pay this expense in the past). This will free up some state gas tax dollars for street maintenance. Unfortunately, that alone will not be enough to overcome years of deferred maintenance; and as such, we have been looking at a gas tax.

Based on a recent online survey, 74.16% of the survey respondents believe the streets are bad and getting worse. Out of those respondents, 65.24% said they were in favor of a five cent a gallon gas tax - 41.38% reported they lived in Coos Bay, 34.98% live in North Bend, and 23.65% live in the County.

Both Coos Bay and North Bend are still considering asking the voters to weigh in on this matter...stay tuned for next week's update for more information.

**COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOMES AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER**

Gary Furuyama will be joining our staff and volunteers at the Library near the end of August. Gary will serve as the Library's Digital Literacy and Job Skills Trainer. Gary received his bachelor's degree from EOU, and he will earn a master's degree in Library and Information Science in August from Emporia State University. His term of service will run eleven months beginning in September. Gary will be developing and teaching computer classes, conducting outreach to the community, offering individual computer instruction for job seekers, and training people on digital resources offered by the library.



**TWO MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPETE IN TRIATHLONS**

**Sergeant Mike Shaffer** participated in the Rolf Prima Tri at the Grove Triathlon that was held at Cottage Grove reservoir on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. This was Sergeant Shaffer's second consecutive year of participating in this event. This sprint event consisted of a ¼ mile swim followed by a 12 mile bicycle race, and ends with a 3.1 mile run. Sergeant Shaffer spent the last several months preparing for this triathlon event that resulted in his finishing first in his age group. ***Congratulations Mike***



**Sergeant Robert Lounsbury** participated in the Subaru Sponsored Canadian Iron Man Triathlon that was held in Whistler British Columbia on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. This was also Sergeant Lounsbury's second consecutive year participating in this world event, and his third overall Iron Man Triathlon that he has competed in. Sergeant Lounsbury finished 10<sup>th</sup> in his age group and 91<sup>st</sup> overall out of 1,949 participants. The Iron Man Triathlon consists of a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bicycle race, and finishes with a full 26.2 mile marathon run. Sergeant Lounsbury finished his race in a very impressive time of 10:47:18. Sergeant Lounsbury will take a short break and then begin training for the Phoenix Iron Man being held in Arizona in October of 2015. ***Congratulations Robert and Good Luck in Phoenix.***



**I WANT TO KNOW** – I been asked in the past about permitting and just how many building and/or land use permits do we process. I didn't know the exact number, but a quick check revealed that for the last seven months (January 1<sup>st</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>) 467 permits had been processed. Those permits run the gambit from sidewalk permits, curb cuts, structural demolitions, mechanical, site development, residential and commercial structures etc. This doesn't include the special event permits (events held on public property like Mingus Park, the Boardwalk, etc.) which generally run around 70 events a year. Another astounding statistic is the number of inspections our Building Official single handedly has conducted this year - over 1,100 inspections!!!

A majority of the permits processed are for projects regulated by either the City's Development Code and/or the Building Codes.

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**UPDATING THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT CODE** - The City of Coos Bay will be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss the proposed draft Development Code that the City has been reviewing since May 2014. The Town Hall meeting will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber's.

Since May 2014, the Planning Commission and City Council have been holding a series of public meetings and work sessions on the proposed Development Code and map revisions. The main goals of the revisions 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.

At the end of this process, the City will have a new, legally reviewed, easier to follow Development Code and associated maps which along with the City's Comprehensive Plan directs development within the City.

Please come and share your thoughts or questions you may have on the proposed new code with City staff as the City moves through this process.

A copy of the proposed code can be found on the City's website at <http://coosbay.org/archive/news-entry/hearings-draft-development-code> or by requesting a copy from the City.

**MUSIC ON THE CORNER IN DOWNTOWN COOS BAY** - Every Friday at noon through August 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be live Music on the Corner at Fourth and Anderson Avenue. Get downtown a little early to get lunch to-go or bring your own and set up your lawn chair or picnic blanket.

**Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Swing Jazz Project — Don Berg and Terry Carr play and sing classic swing to '80s pop.

**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Finavarra — Bruce, Mark, and Alan deliver some Irish pub tunes.

**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers will make you feel right at home.

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Dale Inskeep with Bill Bartels will play a little jazz followed by another hour of music by Kenny, Rob & Bob with a little folk music and some country flair.

