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### **COOS BAY PD WELCOMES A NEW PARTNER**

K9 “Katie”, is the newest K9 member of the Coos Bay Police Department. K9 “Katie” is a 32 pound, 18-month-old full-blooded Springer Spaniel who is trained to help sniff out illegal drugs (meth, cocaine and heroin). Katie will be partnered with Officer Brian Looney. “Katie” is replacing K9 Buddy who retired in 2014 after serving the department for several years.



It’s that Big Kahuna time of year again! Swimmers from all over the state of Oregon will be gathering at Mingus Park and Pool for their annual swim meet this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7 – 9, 2015.

You may see people camping in Mingus Park; while this is not normally allowed, during this event the city opens up the park to competitors and their families. For safety, parking on the N 10<sup>th</sup> St will be limited. There will be overflow parking near the ball field and in the parking lots on Central Ave in front of the old McCauley Hospital. If you’re not attending the event you may want to avoid the vicinity this weekend, as traffic will be congested at various times throughout the day. If you do drive through the area, please be aware of pedestrian traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the surrounding area so our visitors and their families will be safe!

### **DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?**

Sgt. Mike Shaffer and Officer Tom Lindahl will be attending next week’s Community Coalition of Empire meeting to share information on the benefits of a Neighborhood Watch program and on how neighbors might go about starting a program for their neighborhood.



The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dolphin Players’ Theatre, located at 580 Newmark Ave. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and will last approximately an hour.

**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 (Planning Commission, City Council and Community Development staff) has been working on since May 2014. The Town Hall will be on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber's.

**I WANT TO KNOW, IS BACKYARD BURNING STILL ALLOWED IN COOS BAY?**

Despite the increasing fire danger throughout the state due to the current drought conditions and a ban on burning within Coos County, the incorporated cities of Coos Bay and North Bend still allow back yard burning. The cities are exempt from the ban and are allowed to apply and enforce their own restrictions as conditions dictate. While inland areas are bone dry, the coastal air has kept the fuel moisture content in our area at a reasonable level. Fire department personnel continue to evaluate the conditions and still may need to enact restrictions before the summer is over. In Coos Bay, no permit is required for residential back yard burning, but the following rules must be followed:

- Burn during daylight hours only
- Fires must be kept in small controlled piles or in a burn barrel
- Fires must be attended by a responsible adult
- A hose or means to extinguish the fire must be on hand
- Allowed fuel includes wood, paper, and yard clippings only (No plastics or garbage)



The fire department urges everyone to use caution if they decide to burn; particularly during this windy and dry season. More information about back yard burning is available at <http://coosbay.org/departments/fire-department#burning-regulations>

**I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE TALL TREE STUMPS AROUND DOWNTOWN**

Walking and driving around downtown Coos Bay, you have probably noticed tall (8 feet or more) tree stumps. The trees were identified as posing safety hazards to people and property due to rot that had weakened their branches. Due to budget limitations the entire tree and stump could not be removed, the City could only remove the tops and branches of the trees to minimize the hazard they posed. Keeping the stumps tall will ease their final removal. With the start of the City's new fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the City can now move forward with removal of the rest of the tree stump and plant replacement trees. Next week the two stumps on Anderson Ave will be removed and the surrounding sidewalk will be replaced. The remaining stumps will be removed by the end of August subject to staff and resource priority.



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## **COOS BAY POLICE RECOVERS STOLEN PROPERTY!**

On 08/05/15, officers from the Coos Bay Police Department responded to a storage facility on the south end of the city to a report of a suspicious male in the area. Upon arrival officers observed the male engaged in what appeared to be a break-in to one of the units. When the male spotted the police, he attempted to discard an item he was holding, which was later determined to be methamphetamine.

During the subsequent investigation, the man explained the storage unit belonged to him and he was simply removing a lock placed by the property owner for nonpayment. The male then willingly opened the unit to prove ownership, and in doing so revealed to officers several items which they immediately recognized as stolen property. At the conclusion of the investigation, several items were confirmed to be stolen, including a food cart valued at over \$5000, a set canvas sails stolen from a sailboat, and a number of other high dollar items. The male was taken into custody for PCS Schedule II (methamphetamine), Theft I and Criminal Mischief.

This case is a prime example of the emphasis the department has placed on solving property crimes and the recovery of stolen property during a goal-setting session earlier this year.

**MUSIC ON THE CORNER IN DOWNTOWN COOS BAY** - Every Friday at noon through Aug. 28 there will be Live Music on the Corner at Fourth and Anderson. Get downtown a little early to get lunch to-go or bring your own and you can set up your lawn chair or picnic blanket.

Today: Swing Jazz Project — Don Berg and Terry Carr play and sing classic swing to '80s pop.

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>: Finavarra — Bruce, Mrk 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.

