

City of Coos Bay,
Oregon



The Friday Update

August 28, 2015



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WASTEWATER RATES - The City Council has met several times to discuss the wastewater improvement projects and how the funding for those projects affect the sewer fees and the construction schedules. During the discussions, the City Council reviewed the various classifications of sewer users (how each account is billed) and asked for more information on the classification that pays the most, the high strength users.

The high strength users are comprised generally of restaurants, laundry mats, nursing homes, and grocery stores with food services etc. The reason this group pays a higher rate is because of the higher concentration of solids that are disposed of into the sewer system through the food preparation, cleanup, and processing.

All other classifications pay \$6.76 per 100 cubic foot of water consumption, and high strength users pay \$8.38 per cubic foot of water consumption. In an effort to create an environment which encourages more businesses to relocate to or come to Coos Bay, the City Council is considering adjusting the high strength users fee down to \$7.69 and offset the increase by slightly increasing all of the other classifications to a new rate of \$6.85.

The impact to an average household would be an increase in the sewer user fee of .42 cents per month and a decrease in the high strength users' fee of \$41.63 per month. This economic incentive should entice businesses to locate in Coos Bay, provide new stores and services for the Bay Area, and raise the tax base to provide funds for other needed City services.

The Coos Bay City Council will be holding a public hearing to provide the citizens of Coos Bay an opportunity to have input on their decision on September 15th at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, which starts at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens are welcome to contact a Councilor or call City Hall if they are unable to attend or have questions.



ANNUAL BRUSH PICKUP The City's annual brush pickup will begin Tuesday, September 1st. This popular program was started by the City several years ago to help citizen cleanup and fix up their property. Please follow the guidelines below:

- Brush must be out prior to first day of pickup.
- Brush must be in one pile, must be 5ft. or less in length.
- Brush must be out next to the curb free from overhead obstacles, fire hydrants and other obstacles.
- One pile per address - NO group piles.
- Brush must not exceed five cubic yards. More than five yards can be taken, but prior arrangements must be made.
- Not allowed are grass clippings, sod, dirt, loose leaves, plastic bags, bailing twine, or other materials that are not appropriate for grinding.
- There is an additional cost of \$8.75 per cubic yard during brush pickup.
- There is a \$10.50 per cubic yard plus trip fee for pickup after scheduled brush pickup is finished.

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Coos Bay Municipal Code Chapter 8.10, Section 8.10.060 states as follows:

1. No owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or bushes on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. An owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall keep all trees and bushes on the premises, including the adjoining parking strip trimmed so that any overhanging portions are at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and at least fourteen (14) feet above the roadway.
2. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow a dead or decaying tree to stand if it is a hazard to the public or to persons or property on or near the property.

For more information about the brush pickup call: Les' Sanitary at (541) 267-2848 or Coos Bay Sanitary at (541) 267-6675

TESTING THE WARNING SYSTEM TOMORROW - On Saturday, August 29, 2015, a test of the tsunami and Pony Creek Dam warning system will take place. The coordinated test of area sirens is being conducted by Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, City of Coos Bay, and City of North Bend.

The test will give the public the opportunity to hear the various sirens and to hear the differences in the audible warnings. Sirens will be heard within the cities, including the Empire area. Sirens located at the North Bend High School, Empire Fire Hall and Water Board Service Center will be activated at 10 a.m. and consist of two tests.

The first test will consist of a three minute steady siren blast representing a tsunami warning. A second test will follow consisting of a three minute on-off siren blast (15 seconds on – 10 seconds off) representing a dam failure warning.



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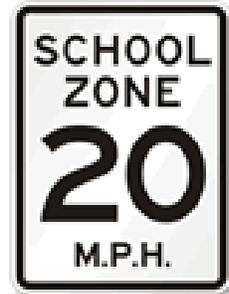
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THE SCHOOL BELL WILL START RINGING SOON - Summer is winding down, and it's time for a whole new group of little pedestrians and two-wheelers to be out and about on their way to school.

As these young students begin to fan out across the community on their way to school, it's important that as drivers we always remember they are out there and may not yet be fully adept at bicycle and pedestrian safety. Use extra caution when driving on known school-bound routes and when driving by a younger bike rider. Make sure to give them just a little extra room in case they are a little unsteady on their bike.



GOOD WEATHER, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT!

A big thank you to the members of the Coos Bay Downtown Association, the vendors, and the event supports for putting on another Blackberry Arts Festival!



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OPERATION - On August 20th, the Coos Bay Police Department conducted a Pedestrian Safety Operation. The operation was conducted at the intersection of Central Avenue and 8th Street, an intersection that has generated pedestrian related complaints in the past. The operation was conducted between the hours of 7:30 am and 9:30 am.

It should be noted, twenty-four hours prior to the operation signs were placed in the area of the operation, informing drivers and pedestrians that the operation would take place the following day. Additionally, throughout the operation, the signs were also posted informing drivers the operation was being conducted.

During the operation, police officers from the Coos Bay Police Department made 24 traffic stops. Warnings and citations were issued for pedestrian related violations, cell phone/distracted driver violations, seatbelt violations, as well as driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

The focus of operations like these is to raise the pedestrian safety awareness of drivers and pedestrians through education and enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws.

