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The Friday Update

October 9, 2015

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2015 - The City of Coos Bay and the Coos Bay Fire Department are just finishing up another successful campaign for National Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week is a nationwide fire safety campaign that occurs every year in the second week of October. Fire Prevention Week was initially started to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The devastation that occurred caused many things to change in our country from how we construct our buildings to how firefighters do their job.



The focus of Fire Prevention Week changes every year to highlight different issues that help create a more fire safe community. This year the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) determined that the

theme would be “Hear the Beep Where you Sleep, Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm”. According to NFPA, roughly half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or when most people are sleeping. Many studies have proven that working smoke alarms in homes can save lives. Current recommendations by NFPA and other safety organizations are pushing for more smoke alarms in homes as well as more awareness regarding smoke alarms. The appropriate number of working smoke alarms is so important that this is the second year in a row that NFPA is pushing a smoke alarm based message with the 2014 message being “Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month”.

As part of Fire Prevention Week, the Coos Bay Fire Department hosted an Open House on October 7th at the main Coos Bay Fire Station. The annual event was attended by over 500 people. The open house included free hot dogs and popcorn, fire prevention materials, games, prizes, and educational material for kids.



Throughout the week, firefighters have presented safety messages to about 1,500 kids from Millicoma and Sunset middle schools, Madison, Blossom Gulch, and Christ Lutheran schools as well as Head Start.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Coos Bay Fire Department at 541-269-1191 or go to www.NFPA.org to learn more about Fire Prevention Week.

BROWNFIELDS ACTION COMMITTEE OPENINGS - The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill openings on the Brownfields Action Committee (BAC). Applications and information are available from the City Manager's Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 541-269-8912, or on the City's website at www.coos.bay.org **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22nd**. Applicants will be contacted for interviews, and appointments will be made by the City Council at the November 3rd regular council meeting.



The role of the BAC will be to assist staff and the Council in determining outcomes for the Front Street Brownfields Projects and to assist in the implementation of the grant. It is anticipated the committee will meet frequently in the beginning and as needed thereafter.



Coos Bay and North Bend are hosting the 2015 Oregon Association of School Librarians on October 9th & 10th at the Mill Casino. Approximately 150 school librarians and other educators will be in town to participate in professional development classes and work together to promote, strengthen, and unify school library programs throughout Oregon. Bestselling authors Judy Schachner and Will Ritter are scheduled to speak. Judy Schachner is also scheduled to present at the Coos Bay Public Library on Friday, October 9th at 11:00 am.

GOOD BOY K9 DAK!!! – Recently officers responded to the area of the 100 block of North 9th Street after a driver for 412 Taxi out of Brookings, Oregon, reported a male fled the cab without paying for his fare that was over \$250.00. Officer Lindahl and his patrol K9 Dak arrived in the area and began searching for the suspect who was seen fleeing into a wooded area behind an apartment complex. The man was reportedly armed with a hatchet. With the help of K9 Dak, the man later identified as Richard Ray Herrick was located and safely taken into custody. The suspect, Richard Ray Herrick, surrendered; and he was taken into custody for second degree theft without incident. The report for the incident was posted on the Coos Bay Police Departments Facebook page; and based on the amount of people reached from comments and likes, it was seemingly the most popular post we've made to date. I guess it just goes to show that nearly everybody loves a "good dog" story! Good Boy Dak!!!



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TWO COOS BAY FIREFIGHTERS SELECTED TO BE FAMILY ESCORTS AT THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL IN EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Every October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands of firefighters, families, and dignitaries attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend was held October 2nd through October 4th.

To honor the fallen firefighters and their families, members of the fire service from around the country come together to make the Memorial Weekend a special time for the families of our fallen heroes.



Firefighters from across the country apply to have the opportunity to serve as a Fire Service Escort to the family of a fallen firefighter. This year two firefighters from Coos Bay Fire Department were selected to act as Fire Service Escorts. The Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association have underwritten the traveling expenses for the Escorts. Family Escorts represent the fire service family as a whole and create a lasting impression. The escorts who have accompanied families to weekend events in the past describe it as an unforgettable experience.

PUTTING UP THE PROPER FLAG – Doug Veysey recently approach Mayor Shoji and told her that Canadian flag we had flying down at the Boardwalk wasn't an actual Canadian flag. Evidently, the national flag of Canada, also known as the Maple Leaf, has a large 11-pointed red maple leaf in the center. The flag purchased and displayed by the City depicted a smaller maple leaf. Doug offered to rectify the error by purchasing a new flag, one actually made in Canada. The new flag was presented to the Coos Bay City Council this past week.



Doug is a retired Myrtle Point coach and teacher as well as the owner of the Bayside Coffee shop in Charleston. Many of you may see Doug selling his freshly ground coffee at the Farmer's Market in downtown Coos Bay.

COOS BAY LION'S CLUB HOSTS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT – Thirty 8th grade

girls' volleyball teams will be invading Coos Bay this weekend for the 27th annual Coos Bay Lion's Club Volleyball Tournament. These tournaments provide: (1) an opportunity for teams to hone their skills by competing against a number of other teams; (2) an economic boost to our community during the two day tournament (food and lodging); and (3) revenue derived from the tournaments supports the Coos Bay Lion's Club sight and hearing programs.

