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The Friday Update

November 6, 2015



COOS BAY RANKS IN THE TOP TEN - According to a recent study from [SmartAsset](#), a New York-based financial technology company, [Coos Bay is one of the most tax-friendly places for retirees in Oregon](#). The study ranks cities on a Retirement Tax Friendliness Index which takes into account local property taxes and whether or not Social Security income is taxed in that area.

Did you know that just over 19% of Coos Bay residents are considered retirement age, 65 years and over (US Census Bureau)? Whether you're young or a little more seasoned, Coos Bay is a great place to live! Beautiful coastal scenery, moderate climate, great health care and the list goes on...

NEW MORTGAGE COMPANY IN TOWN – Guild Mortgage Company recently opened a branch office in downtown Coos Bay. They are located at 330 Central Avenue in the Hall Building. You're invited to stop by during their open house next week on November 11th from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.



DO YOU LIKE COUNTRY MUSIC? – The Spotlight Country Bar and Nightclub located at 1088 Newmark Avenue in Empire opened its doors last week. You will find country music, country dance lessons, acoustic jam and open mic, karaoke, and much more at the Spotlight Country Bar and Nightclub.

90 YEARS YOUNG – On November 13th and 14th, the **Egyptian Theatre** will present a "Great Gatsby" as part of their four days of festivities marking the theatre's 90th birthday. It was in November 1925 that the Egyptian Theatre first opened its doors. For more information about the next week's celebratory events, check out the Egyptian's website at egyptian-theatre.org or Facebook page titled "Egyptian Theatre Coos Bay".



NANOWRIMO AT THE LIBRARY - National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) encourages writers and would-be writers to complete a 50,000 word novel in just 30 days (see <http://nanowrimo.org/> for more information). The Library is supporting local NaNoWriMo participants with dedicated write-ins inviting attendees to come celebrate, commiserate, and create amongst fellow Coos County writers. Write-ins will be held on November 13th from noon – 5 pm; November 20th from 5 – 10 pm; and November 30th from 10 am – 10 pm. Refreshments, electrical outlets, and extra pens will be provided.



To those who deserve our utmost respect I say...

I SALUTE YOU
WE ALL SALUTE YOU!



Veterans Day, November 11th is an opportunity to give thanks to those who served on our behalf and to remember their efforts to achieve and maintain our country's liberty and freedom.

Coos Bay is proud of our Veteran co-workers!



Public Works Department:

Frank Kaiser, Maintenance Worker – US Marine Corps
David Crandall, Lead Maintenance Work – US Air Force
Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator – US Army
Jim Hossley, Public Works Director – US Air Force

Community Development Department:

Nik Rapelje, Codes/Planning Specialist – US Army

Library:

Melissa Danville, Library Assistant I – US Air Force

Fire Department:

Matt Fare, Firefighter - US Air Force and Army National Guard
Kevin Haagen, Firefighter - US Army and Army National Guard
Steve Takis, Firefighter – US Marine Corps
James Forese, Volunteer Firefighter – US Coast Guard
Mike Goirl, Volunteer Firefighter – US Air Force Reserve
Walter Herzog, Volunteer Firefighter – US Coast Guard
Chris Welch, Volunteer Firefighter - US Army



Police Department:

Darrell Babb, Police Officer – US Marine Corp
Mark Ereth, Police Officer – US Army National Guard
Ken Labrousse, Detective – US Marine Corp
Tom Lindahl, K-9 Officer – US Air Force
Scott Rogers, Police Officer – US Navy
Mike Shaffer, Sergeant – US Marine Corp
Randy Sparks, Detective – US Navy
Tony Wetmore, Officer – US Air Force
Cal Mitts, Captain – US Army
Gary McCullough, Police Chief – US Navy



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(541) 269-8924

Public Works Department
(541) 269-8918

Finance Department
(541) 269-8915

City Manager's Office
(541) 269-8912

25 YEARS OF SERVICE! – November marks 25 years of employment for Lt. Randy Miles (Coos Bay Fire) and Sgt. Robert Lounsbury (Coos Bay Police).

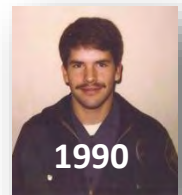
Randy Miles started as a Volunteer Firefighter as soon as he was old enough to serve. After graduating from Marshfield in 1981, he moved to Portland and received an Associate Degree in Radio Production Technology from Mt Hood Community College. Randy returned to Coos Bay and continued serving as a Volunteer Firefighter. He was hired as a career Firefighter/Engineer in November of 1990. In July of 1992, Randy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Randy was promoted again in April of 1995 to the rank of Captain. When the department restructured in 2002, Randy chose to revert to the rank of Lieutenant.



During his career, Randy has been very active in leadership in both the Volunteer Association and the Firefighter's Union (IAFF 2935). He currently serves as the Union President. Randy has been involved in most of the department's programs from fire prevention and Public Education to extinguisher maintenance, fire inspections, hazardous materials team, and uniform coordinator. Have you ever wondered who coordinates the 4th of July firework show? Randy has been the director of that event for the last 20 years.



Like Randy, Robert Lounsbury began serving the City long before he was hired as a full time employee. Prior to being hired in November of 1990, Robert served eight years as an Explorer and one year as a Reserve Police Officer. Robert graduated from North Bend High School and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon University.



During his career, Robert has served as a Patrol Officer, DARE Officer, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and Detective Sergeant.

In addition to his dedication to the Police Department and the community, Robert has also been a long time contender as a high level athlete completing in a variety of sporting events to include competitive water skiing, duathlons, and triathlons, and three Ironman events.